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\$750,000,000 CREDIT BALANCE FORECAST FOR 1935 U.S. BUDGET

TIENSIN-PUKOW RAILWAY LOANS IN DEFAULT
British Representations Officially Renewed
London, To-day.
In the House of Commons, yesterday, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, replying to the Conservative member for Preston, Mr. A. C. Mowbray, with reference to the default of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway loans, said that one or two payments appeared to have been made into a special reserve account for eventual liquidation of the loans, but they were insufficient to make the position in any way satisfactory.
Sir John Simon said that he was instructing the British Minister to China to renew representations.—
Reuter.

FAILURE OF ROOSEVELT GOLD PLAN
Advantages Lost By Price Decline.
\$41,000,000 PURCHASES OF DOMESTIC GOLD
Washington, To-day.
The latest Government statistics show that the price of whole-sale commodities in the United States has risen only 17 per cent. since April while the price in the last fortnight has declined to 70.7, practically annulling all the advantages gained since the advent of the gold plan.
At the same time, the gold price has risen to 64 per cent. above the statutory price.
Mr. Jesse Jones Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has announced that the domestic gold purchases, so far, total 420,000 ounces, costing U.S.\$14,000,000.—
Reuter.

Business Optimism.
SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 10.30 a.m.)
New York, To-day.
Wall Street operators believe that a creeping bull market is under way, thus explaining the continued optimism.
There are also some signs of public participations.
Favourable factors include a belief that the farm income for 1933 is 20 per cent. higher than in 1932.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

FOREIGN TRADE AGENCY.
Peek To Find Export Markets For U.S.
Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt yesterday summoned a conference of the departmental chiefs, including Mr. Peek, the disgruntled Assistant Secretary for Agriculture, with the object of organising a foreign trade agency, which Mr. Peek is expected to be chief.
The agency will find reciprocal export markets for American goods.—
Reuter.

Agency Formed.
Washington, Later.
President Roosevelt has announced the formation of a special foreign trade agency under Mr. Peek to correlate internal production with effective foreign purchasing power, developing by reciprocal tariffs, barters and other international arrangements.—
Reuter.
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AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF
INCOME OF \$3,350,000,000 ANTICIPATED
Roosevelt Prepares Budget Message.
FLOOD OF REMONETISATION BILLS
SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 11 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt is preparing his annual Budget message for Congress.
The Budget Director Mr. Lewis Douglas, tentatively forecasts the income at about U. S. \$3,350,000,000, for the 1935 fiscal year, against which approximately \$2,600,000,000 will be required for regular Governmental establishments leaving, tentatively, \$750,000,000, plus the Treasury cash balance of approximately \$1,000,000,000 available for emergency relief and Public Works, if required.—
United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

Silver Advocates Determined.
SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 6.30 p.m.)
Washington, To-day.
The Chairman of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Key Pittman, yesterday stated that a flood of remonetisation Bills would be introduced into Congress unless the President definitely acts to aid silver.
Senator Pittman reiterated that he proposed to introduce a Bill providing coinage on a 16-1 basis of all newly-mined silver produced in the United States, after the Bill's enactment, which will produce about U.S.\$30,000,000 in silver coinage annually.
"This very mild inflation is based on a very sound metal," he declared.
Such inflation was so small that it would not be felt for several years, but the real value would lie in the fact that other producers would probably follow suit, and thereby, remonetization would occur on a world basis.—
United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

GOLD PRICE LEAKS OUT
SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 10.30 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.
Despite the extraordinary precautions against leaks, it is reported that yesterday's gold price reached London privately ahead of official press releases.—
United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

"Congress Will Be Noisy."
SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 10.30 a.m.)
New York, To-day.
The well-known United States economist and Babson yesterday stated that the United States situation is fundamentally reassuring.
He forecasts that Congress will probably be noisy but basically constructive.
The real headquarters of both business and finance will remain in Washington rather than in Wall Street, he declares.—
United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

SOVIET DENIES HSINKIANG AMBITIONS
Will Respect China's Sovereign Rights
Moscow, To-day.
The official Soviet news agency, Tass, has been authorised to categorically deny the report published in the Chinese newspaper, *Cheng Pao*, that the Soviet Government had concluded an agreement with the Hainan Government relative to conceding Chinese territories to the U.S.S.R.
The policy of the Soviet consists of the maintenance of the inviolability of Chinese territories and respect to its Sovereign rights, the denial states.—
Reuter.

DOLLAR - POUND STABILISATION
Perplexing Reports In New York.
"LITTLE FEAR OF DRASTIC INFLATION"
New York, To-day.
Perplexing statements are being made regarding the stabilisation of the dollar with the pound, the process of which was said to have begun.
The acting-Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, declares that the Administration is adhering to its policy, and if such a move was made he would know immediately.
On the contrary it is learnt that conversations were conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York with the Bank of England and the Bank of France, therefore, the Washington denials that official overtures were made to London, are technically correct, as the Federal Reserve is a quasi-private institution.—
Reuter.

"BUSINESS CONDITIONS WILL BE UNCHANGED"
SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 10.30 a.m.)
Cleveland, To-day.
Mr. Leonard Porter Ayres, the prominent United States statistician, has expressed an opinion that there is no reason to fear inflation during 1934 an account of it being difficult to induce excessive inflation into a country where most of the business is done by cheques representing private bank credit instead of with Government currency.
He predicted that business, early in 1934, will continue largely as at present.—
United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

BYRD LEAVES FOR ANTARTIC.
Explorer's New Expedition.
Wellington, New Zealand, To-day.
The famous explorer, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd left here yesterday on his Antarctic expedition.—
Reuter.

R.A.F. Disabled Aeroplane Skims Over Palace Roof
London, To-day.
Further details of the narrowly averted accident when an aeroplane was compelled to make a forced landing in the centre of London, yesterday, are now available.
The plane, a Royal Air Force single-seater machine, was being flown across London from Northolt to Hawkinge, Kent, when engine trouble developed. The pilot descended through low clouds to find himself over the heart of the West End.
In searching for a place to land, he skimmed over the roof of Buckingham Palace while the Changing of the Guard ceremony was proceeding and while His Majesty the King was watching from a window.
Avoiding trees, rails and other obstacles the pilot brought the machine safely to the ground in Hyde Park.—
British Wireless Service.

FRANCE WILL REPLY TO HITLER
But What of Status Of "Brown Shirts."
IMPORTANT PARIS CONVERSATIONS
Berlin, To-day.
Chancellor Hitler yesterday received the French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Poncet.
A Paris message states that it is understood that M. Poncet asked Herr Hitler to explain his attitude towards the "Brown Shirts" as co-existent with the standard Army of 300,000 which Hitler is demanding.—
Reuter.

ITALY AND THE LEAGUE
Conditions Required Not Disclosed.
London, To-day.
In the House of Commons yesterday the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, said that no official communication had been received from the Italian Government regarding the question of alteration in the constitution, powers, or procedure of the League of Nations, and he had no statement to make on the matter at the moment.
The matter, he said, was receiving the most careful attention.—
British Wireless Service.

ADVANCING WORK OF DISARMAMENT
London, To-day.
At question time in the House of Commons yesterday the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, stated that, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Bureau of the (Continued on Page 7.)

ANGLO-ESTHONIAN TRADE TREATY.
Negotiations Opened In London.
London, To-day.
The Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade, Colonel D. J. Colville, yesterday received the Estonian delegation, who will negotiate a commercial agreement with the United Kingdom.
An exchange of views took place and the discussions will be continued.—
British Wireless Service.



Mohammed Zahir Shah (in steel helmet and leaning on rifle), the 19 year-old King of Afghanistan, who was proclaimed on November 8, following the assassination of his father, Mohammed Nadir Shah Ghazi, at Kabul. The picture shows the new King as a private soldier during the opening of an infantry school.

SIX KILLED AS GERMAN AIR-LINER CRASHES
PILOT FLEW "BLIND" IN DENSE FOG OVER HAMBURG
HONEYMOON COUPLE AND NAZI FARM EXPERT AMONG VICTIMS.
HAMBURG, TO-DAY.
SIX PEOPLE, INCLUDING A LONDON HONEYMOON COUPLE, MR. AND MRS. FRANK BARBER, WERE KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH HERE, YESTERDAY. NONE OF THE VICTIMS ARE AMERICANS. A DENSE FOG EXISTED AND THE PILOT WAS FLYING "BLIND," RELYING ENTIRELY ON WIRELESS DIRECTIONS FROM AERODROME.
The plane could not be seen from the ground, but a sudden crash was heard followed by an explosion. Police immediately cleared the aerodrome of all except officials.
Later.
Officials of the Lufthansa aerodrome later state that Mr. Barber's nationality had not yet been established. The woman was Miss Amelia Armstrong, stated to be an American, born in Sweden.
One of the six people killed was the Prussian State Councillor, Herr Wagemann, the Nazis' agricultural specialist, who drafted the new law of land inheritance. The plane was flying from Berlin.—
Reuter.

M.C.C.'S FIRM CABLE REPLY TO AUSTRALIA
Definite News Of Tour Demanded.
NO FURTHER ASSURANCE TO BE GIVEN
London, To-day.
The Marylebone Cricket Club have considered the Australian Cricket Board of Control's last cable and have replied:
"With reference to your cable of November 16 you must please accept our cable of October 9, which speaks for itself, as final. We cannot go beyond the assurance given therein that we shall welcome the Australian cricketers who come to play cricket with us next year.
"If, however, your Board of Control decide that such games should be deferred, we shall regret their decision.
"Please let us know your Board's final decision as soon as possible, and in any event before the end of the year."
Reuter.
(Continued on Page 7.)

REPRIEVE FOR MRS. HADLEY
Shanghai Petition Succeeds.
Shanghai, To-day.
The North China Daily News understands that Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, has reprieved Mrs. Hadley, sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Youngs.—
Reuter.
"REPORT CONFIRMED."
Shanghai, later.
The report that Mrs. Hadley had been granted a reprieve has been confirmed. The sentence of death has been commuted to imprisonment for life.—
Reuter.
Mrs. Hadley, a Shanghai Russian woman who became a British subject by her marriage to an Englishman, was sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Youngs, with whom she had been living, by stabbing him in the throat during the (Continued on Page 11.)

U.S. COTTON POOL FORMED.
To Liquidate Govt. Stocks.
2,400,000 BALES HELD.
Washington, To-day.
The United States Farm Administration has announced the formation of a Cotton Pool to liquidate the 2,400,000 bales of Government-held cotton covered by the options of producers.
With funds borrowed from the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Administration will advance to the (Continued on Page 10.)

ICY XMAS FOR AMERICA AND EUROPE
25 Killed In U.S. By Storms.
SNOW AND LIGHTNING
Severe Winter In Britain And France
London, To-day.
An icy Christmas appears to be in store for America and Europe. New York reports that 25 persons were killed in the East and Middle West by lightning, heavy snow-storms and freezing temperatures. Two people collapsed and died from cold in New York while three died in Philadelphia.
A train crashed into a car at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, during a snowstorm, killing four and injuring three.
Winter has got an early grip on Britain. The Thames is frozen at Kingston, an event which has not happened since 1895. Thousands were skating at midnight, the ice being floodlit by the lights of dozens of cars.
So bitter is it in Paris that the herbs market on the steps of the Bourse was suspended till brasserie had been provided.—
Reuter.

RICH SPANIARDS BARRICADED.
300 Threatened With Burning.
TROOPS QUELL REBELS AFTER STREET BATTLE.
Madrid, To-day.
Troops, using tanks, quelled a rebel attack on the City Hall at Saragossa yesterday, after a 4-hour street battle. Several people were killed.
The Civil Guards at Huesca are rushing to prevent a hold-out at Lanaja, where some 300 rebels have barricaded all the rich inhabitants in a church, and are threatening to burn them alive.—
Reuter.

INCREASED USE OF INDIAN COTTON.
Lancashire Spinners Circularised.
London, To-day.
The Lancashire cotton authorities are implementing the recent pledge to increase the use of Indian cotton. They have circularised all spinners.
An extensive list of mills in which Indian cotton is wholly or partially used has been despatched to the Export and Trade sections of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, with a covering letter, appealing:
"Indian cotton has many untried possibilities. Please encourage its use to the utmost."
Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



Challenge To The Beret

New Cap Fitting A Serious Rival.

"COWBOYS" IN FELT

THE beret has a succession of triumphs to its record from Basque interpretations to numberless variations, and there seems little doubt that, like the brook, it will "go on for ever."

When it enters another kingdom apart from sports, however, the beret has to be enlarged in some way or other. This has been done by actually sewing the original shape to make it look slightly bigger with a wider double brim drop in cloth, felt and velvet.

Rival modes are the "cowboy," made of soft felt fabric—or cleverly and closely crocheted in wool. Jockey caps will succeed in a measure, but the forage cap of military persuasion is so suggestive of strife as to sink its charm. It is a shape easy to cultivate for sports-wear, and you can carry on in any colour, whether military or matching a suit, with metal buttons, deciding the shape of your lap-over crown that may be pointed or a flat oblong.

However, a serious rival to the beret has just been launched by Suzanne Talbot in a new cap fitting. This is removed from the skull cap tendency through not appearing to be so skull-like, so to speak, and dipping down on the right side of the forehead in the beret manner. The shape is smart in black, with veils posed over the crown to dip just beyond the eyes on an all-round level.

Trimming are set at the apex

of the crown and above these veils, but they are mostly posed to slant off in an opposite direction to the forehead tilt. These might take form in lacquered quills, bunches of four or five small ostrich feather tips, or single ones cut from tinsel, which bring with them a brilliant and novel note.

Apart from this metal note, trimmings conform in colour with the felt, but in one instance a change is wrought through a little tuft of grey colours in green and orange crepe—colours which are pierced together for a short scarf that is twisted into a coil round the neckline.

Another cap takes effect in black worsted wool with a puckish loop at the top surrounded by black velvet ribbon finished off in a bow.

JUMPERS GAIN NEW IMPORTANCE

Bright Jerseys With High Necklines

Jumpers are more important than ever this winter. They may be of jersey, velvet or fur.

Those of jersey are like cardigans, buttoning up to a high neck, with many pockets. Black ones are worn with grey suits and stone jumpers with black.

Woolen jerseys will be worn with formal tailor-mades throughout the coming season. They are superbly made in the new bright autumn colours, and all have high necklines.

Youthful Chic



This unusual creation, worn by Patricia Ellis, who sets the styles for the Hollywood younger set, is a dinner dress in which silk net figures over a sheath of black satin. White starched chiffon flares circle the high neckline, adding a demure note.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN
Halibut on Toast
Brighton Stew
Egg and Tomato Fritters
Pumpkin Pie
DINNER
Curry Kale Soup
Fish Pie au Gratin
Aspic of Asparagus and Mushrooms
Celery Salad
Fruit Salad
Bavarian Cream
Halibut on Toast.

Put into boiling salted water. 1 pound of fresh halibut, cook slowly for 15 minutes or until done; remove from the water and chop it fine, then add half a cup of melted butter and 8 eggs well beaten. Season with salt and pepper. Place over the stove a good thick frying pan containing a tablespoon of butter. When melted tip the pan so as to grease the sides, then put in the fish and eggs and stir one way until the eggs are cooked, but not too hard. Turn on toast previously well buttered. Serves 10.

Brighton Stew.
½ lb. cooked haricot beans, ½ pint fresh green peas, 1 small cauliflower, 6 small onions, 1 pint haricot beans stock, 1 oz. butter, ½ oz. flour, one juice of ½ a lemon, salt and pepper to taste. Dissolve the butter in a saucepan, peel and halve the onions and fry them for about 10 minutes, but do not allow to brown; stir in the flour, add the peas and stock, and simmer until the vegetables are tender, stirring frequently, then add the beans, lemon juice and seasonings. Boil the cauliflower separately, break up the white part into neat pieces, add them to the stew, and simmer altogether for a few minutes. Pour into an entree dish and serve very hot.

Egg and Tomato Fritters.
6 hard boiled eggs, 6 teaspoons bread-crumbs, 6 teaspoons minced tomato, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, 1 egg. Mince the eggs, parsley and tomato and mix altogether with the pepper and salt, breadcrumbs and half a beaten egg; form into little cutlets, roll in the other half of the egg and breadcrumbs, and fry in boiling oil.

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Curly Kale Soup.
4 heads of curly kale, 1 potato, 1 onion, 1½ pints water, ½ pint milk, 1½ oz. butter, 1 lump of sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons sago. Dissolve the butter in a saucepan then add the kale, previously thoroughly washed and chopped up finely. Place on stove and stir often. Peel and slice the potato and onion, and place them, together with the salt, water and sugar, with the kale. Boil one hour, strain, return to saucepan, add milk and sago, replace over the stove and stir for 10 minutes. Strain again into a tureen and serve with sippets of fried bread.

Fish Pie au Gratin.

½ lb. cooked potatoes, ½ lb. cooked fish (without skin and bone) 1½ gills cheese sauce. Seasoning, 1 hard boiled egg, butter or margarine, milk, grated cheese. Remove the skin and bones from the fish, flake up the fish and season it. Mash the potatoes, add a lump of butter or margarine, moisten them with milk and add seasoning. Make the cheese sauce by making a thick white sauce and stirring in one and a half ounces of finely grated cheese. Stir until the cheese is melted, and add salt and pepper to taste. Put a layer of potatoes in a buttered pie dish. Mix the sauce with the fish and add to the pie dish. Cover with potatoes, sprinkle more cheese and heat in oven and brown. Serve garnished with sliced hard boiled egg.

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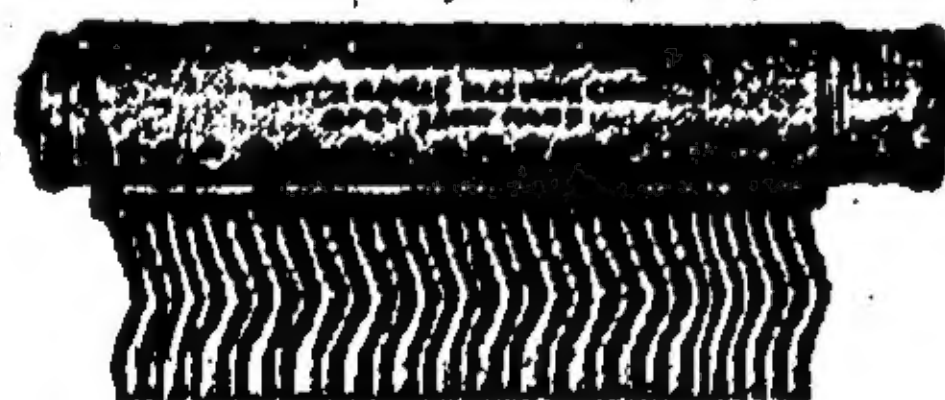


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SHOE STYLES ARE CHANGING.

Low Heels Popular.

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It may be black, or in a colour to go with the dress. Black is more practical, colour more expensive, with the exception of brown.

EVENING SHOES

Dainty And Expensive

For the evening, shoes are extremely dainty and expensive. They should be a decorative accessory to the dress and in keeping with it in colour and style. Stockings in flesh-coloured silk always look right for the evening.

Velvet "Lace" Is New Mode.

One of the things they do to velvet now is to make it look like lace. It is stamped and cut to reveal the ankle, and one dress had the hem of velvet "lace" right up to the hips. It was an evening frock of aquamarine blue velvet with upstanding "fins" of lace on the shoulders.

SATINS RETURN TO POPULARITY.

New Surface Gives Warm Tone.

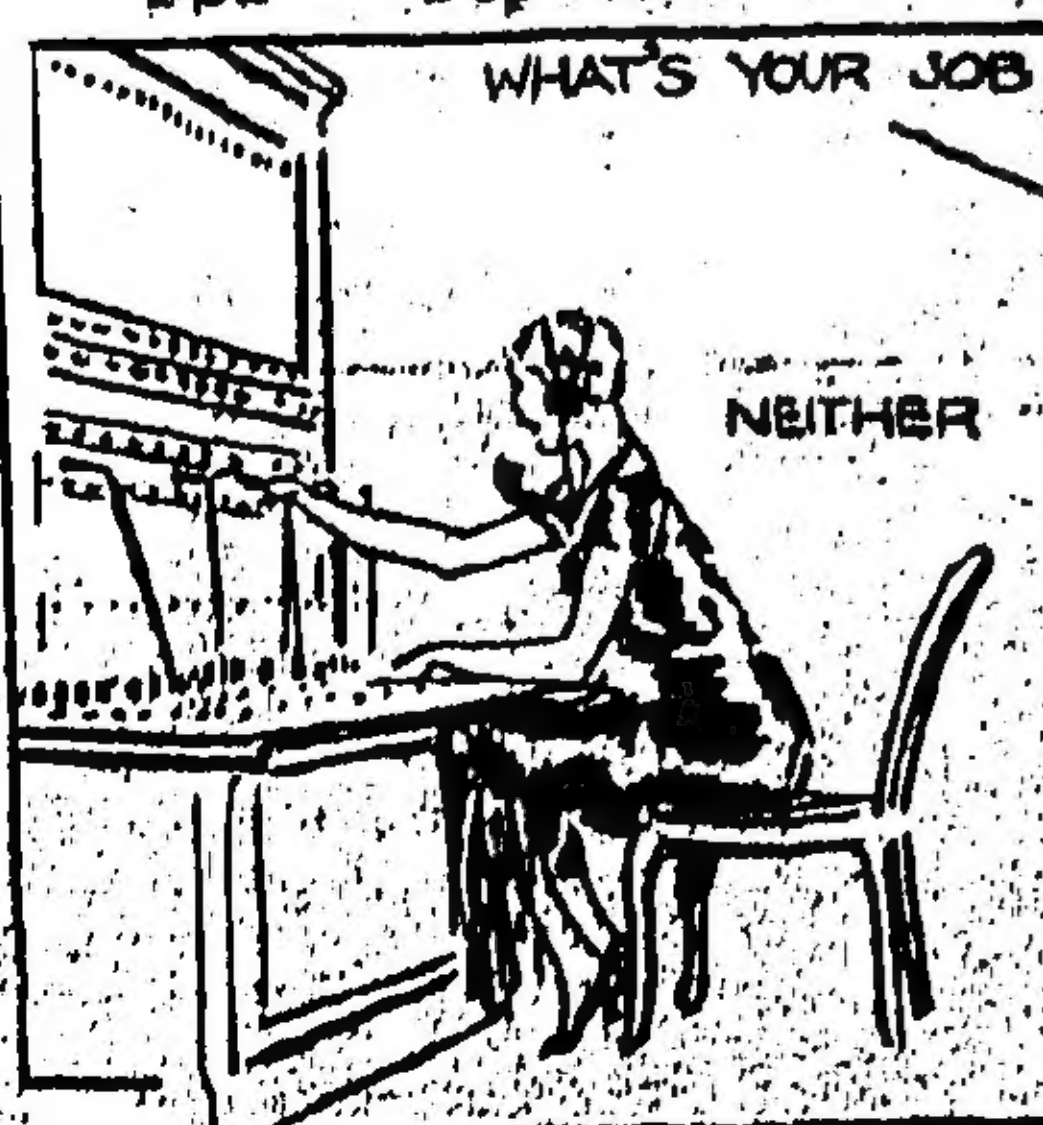
Satins, in spite of the rather "icy" gleam of their surface, always come back into vogue for winter dress wear.

This season, there is a new satin with a variously worked surface which serves to "warm up" the shining fabric, and there are the heavily quilted satins that Schiaparelli uses so much for evening wraps.

But there are shirred satins and marocain-weave satins which are less spectacular and more adaptable than the quilted ones.

The shirred or crinkly satins are lovely for afternoon, dress and blouses, combining as they do the sumptuousness of a shiny surface with the greater informality of crepes.

POP — Pop Gets Her Number.



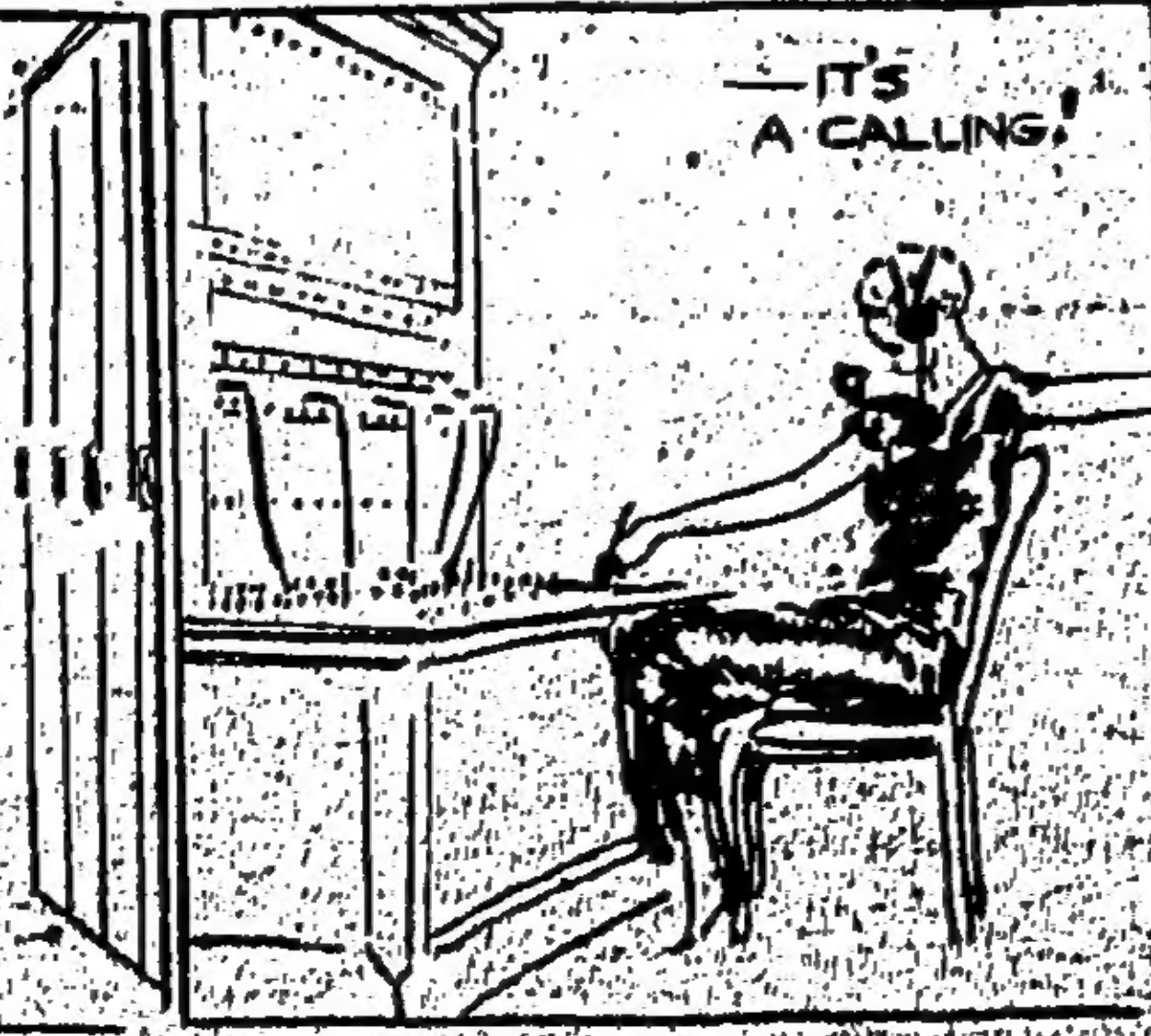
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FIFTEENTH EXTRA RACE

MEETING

16th December, 1933.

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run as Race No. 2, at 2.30 p.m., and

the "BARRIER REEF HANDICAP"

as Race No. 4, at 3.30 p.m., instead

of as previously advertised.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th December, 1933.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY

CLUB

THE FIFTEENTH EXTRA RACE

MEETING will be held (Weather

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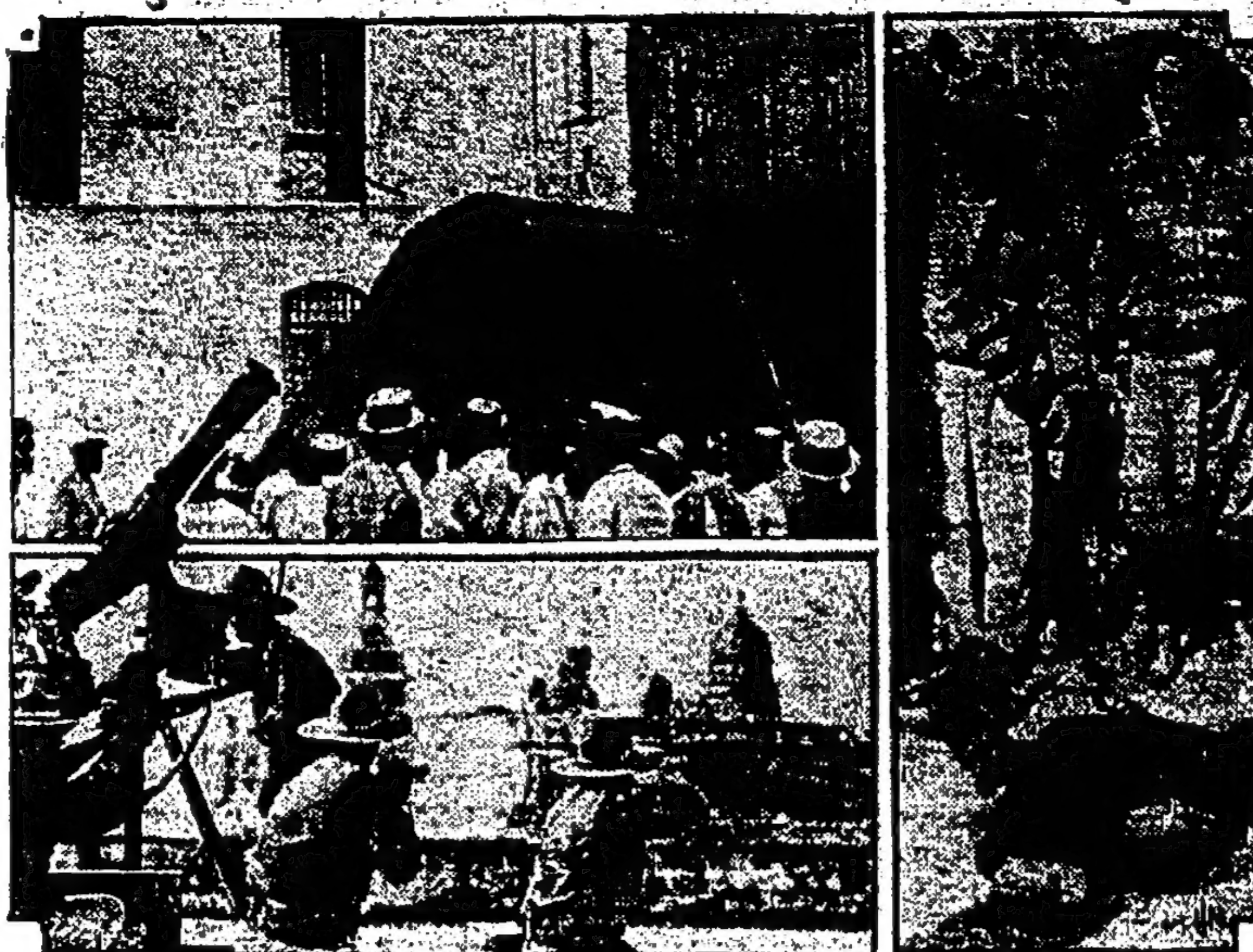
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Civil War Scenes in Turbulent Cuba



Scenes in revolution-torn Havana during the latest outbreak, when rebels took possession of strategic points in the city, notably Atares Fortress, and were dislodged only after bombardment by warships in Havana Harbor, the gesture costing 150 lives, as well as hundreds of injuries. At top, a Federal armored tank is shown plowing streets in search of snipers; below, a machine gun crew on roof of the Presidential palace watch the skies for a rebel plane reported threatening to bomb the palace; right, Federal troops with one of their comrades slain by a sniper.

BRIDGE NOTES

CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY ANCHORITE

IX

(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding).

Rebids by Opening Hand

A second and any subsequent bid by the opening hand is called a rebid. A rebid in No-trump points to additional honour strength; a rebid in the same suit points to additional strength in trumps.

Rebids are like raises, classed as shaded and full. A shaded rebid is made on $\frac{1}{2}$ trick—sometimes even on a "plus" value—above the minimum shown in a previous bid. In a case when partner has given a double raise in a suit, or a jump to two No-trumps, a shaded rebid would be justified with a slightly better distribution than the 4-3-3-3.

To make a shaded rebid after partner's minimum response would be to invite disaster. A full rebid requires between 1-1/2 honour tricks or low card tricks.

Each rebid must show a possible winner—even a slight one—in addition to those already expected by partner. The failure to adhere strictly to this, results in duplication of information, or in bidding twice on the same trick values, which is the fault of many players.

A hand containing 6 1/2 playing tricks has two full and one shaded rebid, that is, it can bid twice more after a raise from partner, and even once again if opening bidder should be hard pressed.

Rebids with Partner's Support. As opening hand calls for not less than 2 1/2 honour tricks, which generally equals 3 1/2 to 4 playing tricks, the simple rule is to count the total number of tricks in the hand, deduct four (already shown by opening the bidding), and bid once again for each trick in excess of four.

To save a game, the opening hand may occasionally be compelled to overbid for a sacrifice. This, however, will be a simple matter of watching the score sheet and only overbidding what is justified by the penalties which might occur.

Rebids when Partner Passes. When the partner of an opening bidder passes a suit bid of "one," the inference is that he holds less than 2 1/2 playing tricks in all, and less than an Ace and Queen (1 1/2 honour tricks) in higher cards. It is, of course, quite likely that the hand contains as little as 1/2 trick and great care should be taken by opening hand to avoid unjustified overbidding. When opening hand has been overcalled by opponent, he should never gamble on more than 2 tricks in partner's hand, when vulnerable, and not more than three tricks when not vulnerable.

Revaluation of Opening Hand. When the supporting hand, instead of raising the bid, takes out with a different bid, the opening hand becomes the supporting hand and must be revalued accordingly.

CATTLE THIEVES' CLEVER RUSE.

Priest Re-purchases Own Stock.

Belgrade. Cattle thieves at Bjelovar stole some fine pedigree animals from a local priest.

A few days later the priest went to the market to buy others to replace them.

He saw a number of excellent animals of the same breed as those he had lost, but with different markings, and decided to buy them.

He had just handed over the money when a policeman came up and arrested the salesman.

He told the priest that the cattle were his own.

But it was not until he had been shown the complete chemical outfit with which the transformation had been made that the priest believed him.—Reuter.

TOO HOT FOR THE BAILIFFS.

Cafe Owner Refuses To Let Stove Cool Off.

Chicago. Bailiffs who had been sent to seize a stove belonging to a cafe proprietor in Chicago appeared before Judge Ehler and held up their bandaged hands.

They explained that whenever they had gone to the cafe to enforce the court's order they had found the stove red hot.

The owner refused to let it out. An order has now been made for the fire in the stove to be put out on a certain day for the purpose of seizure.—Reuter.

Opening hand will in such a case count his trump support, honour tricks, long suit tricks and ruffing tricks, and deduct the four tricks shown by his opening bid. Each trick in excess of the four justifies a new raise or raises.

The following bids:
South West North East
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
1 No Trump Pass Pass
translated into plain language would say:

South: I have a biddable suit in hearts—not less than 2 1/2 honour tricks, distributed in at least two suits—about 4 playing tricks in all.

North: I have about honour trick in my hand. I may not have any support for your hearts, but I have a biddable suit in Spades.

South: I cannot support your spade bid. My hearts are too weak for a rebid. My hand has slightly more in honours than the bare minimum shown by my opening bid.

Simplification. For opening the bidding it is not necessary to count the low card tricks in order to determine the total number of playing tricks. Practically all hands containing 2 1/2 or more honour tricks automatically include at least one low card trick or 3 1/2 playing tricks in all. It is, therefore, only necessary to count the honour tricks in order to ascertain whether to bid or pass.

Radio

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Recorded music.

1.20 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.

1.30 p.m.—A relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech—Dr. L. G. Saunders on "Strange Lives."

2 p.m.—Close Down.

A Talk on "The British Industries Fair."

Pianoforte Recital from the Studio.

4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.30 p.m.—From the Studio.

The 12th of a series of Lessons in Cantonese by the Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.45-9.45 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous—

The Lay of the Lady's Vow.

Anona Winn with George Baker.

Harold French and Leonard Henry.

Before I Go to Sleep.

Anona Winn with Harold French and George Baker.

Orchestral—

Falling in Love Again.

Farwell, I Kiss Your Hand.

Albert Sandier & His Orchestra.

Song—

And Love Was Born.

The Song is You.

Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).

Organ Solo—

Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's Popular Songs.

Edward O'Henry.

Song—

Broadway Melody.

Love Boat.

Charles King (Baritone).

Orchestral—Chanson Bohemienne.

Aloha Sunset Land.

Victor Salon Orchestra.

8.45-9 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Talk on "The British Industries Fair" by Mr. G. Clinton Pelham (H. M. Trade Commissioner).

9.30-9.50 p.m.—From the Studio

K.C.C. CHECK AT SOOKUNPOO DASHES CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES

W. REED AND RODRIGUES ADD 60 RUNS AT K.C.C.

Recreio Win 12-A-Side Encounter.

PRATA'S "FIREWORKS"

(By ATHOLE)

In a twelve-a-side game at the K.C.C. on Saturday the Recreio beat the home Club's junior team by 7 wickets, mainly through the good batting of A. Rodrigues, who scored 41 out of 72.

Receiving early setbacks the K.C.C. never settled down, and C. Lopes, going on as third change bowler, secured the wickets of L.P.H. Macaulay (8), D. S. Green (5), W. H. G. Hirst (6), and G. A. White (6) for 10 runs to dismiss the home team for 72.

After losing their first wicket at 9, W. A. Reed (29) and Rodrigues (41) added 60 runs for the second wicket to ensure a Recreio win. Rodrigues hit six boundaries in his 41.

A Prata, a very promising batsman, scored freely, hitting a ball from D. S. Green out of the ground and including three boundaries in his 20, scored out of 24. The Recreio eventually totalled 123.

SMITH AIDS CLUB TO BEAT CLOCK

Spirited Knock Thwarts Craigengower.

BECK'S GOOD SPELL

(By ATHOLE)

SPRITED hitting by J. E. Smith, who hit up 30 out of 43, enabled the Club to beat Craigengower by 4 wickets after a thrilling encounter against the clock in their premier league game on the Club ground on Saturday.

Requiring over 60 to win when he went in Smith hit a ball from "Tinker" Lee out of the ground and scored three boundaries in his 30.

A. C. Beck again proved his worth as a shock bowler when he sent back A. T. Lee in his first over and before a run had been scored. In his second spell he dismissed A. B. Hanson, C. W. Lam, and F. Broadbridge for 9 runs to finish the match with 4 for 26.

Hanson played a dogged knock for 31, scored out of 62 for Craigengower. In partnership with F. R. Zimmerman he added 23 valuable runs for the sixth wicket in the face of very steady bowling.

E. Zimmerman, the former Craigengower skipper, was in good form behind the sticks, snapping up A. Pearce off U. M. Omar, stumping Smith off A. T. Lee, and allowing no byes in the Club total of 115.

62 Runs In Two Overs

JACK HOBBS, England's famous batsman, thinks that D. R. Jardine will be offered the captaincy against the Australians next summer, but should he decline "it would not surprise me in the least if B. H. Valentine (Kent) gets the position." All three players are now in India with the M.C.C. team.

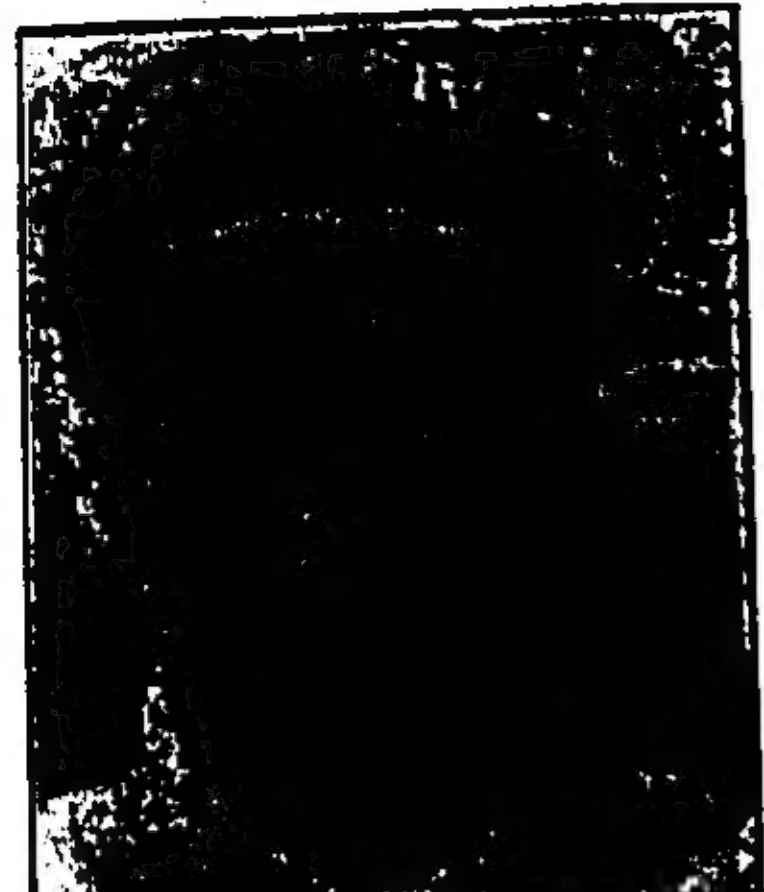
The news from Australia that Don Bradman hit up exactly 100 runs in 45 minutes against Dicks' side, thinking of other fast-scoring feats. There was Alton's 189 in 90 minutes on the Brighton ground twenty-three years ago after he had taken an hour over his first 50!

What hitting followed! While Bradman did not get a 5, Alton hit eight—and 23 runs as well. His last 39 came in 15 minutes, which, for speed, is quite Bradman well in the shade.

But even Alton's knock pales beside the innings of W. Hyman at Thorbury in 1902. Making 359 out of 468 for six wickets in 100 minutes, Hyman took 62 runs off two overs sent down by Dr. E. M. Grace.

Was "the Coroner" discouraged? He was not. When it was hinted that he might take himself off, W. G.'s brother replied, "Oh! I'll get him—he's nibbling."

C. K. Naidu, who captained the India touring eleven in England, will lead the side in the Test matches against the M.C.C.



W. H. PONSFORD will find it difficult to get back into the Australian Test team, but he has commenced the season with a century.

Taylor Plays Through Innings For 49 Out of 96

Navy Slow Bowler Takes 6 For 15 For Club.

REDMOND HITS SIXES

(By ATHOLE)

SGT. Taylor played a very sound innings for the Royal Engineers against the Club juniors at Sookunpoo on Saturday, carrying his bat for 49, scored out of 96, after opening the innings.

Scoring six boundaries, mainly through waiting for the right ball to hit he has now more or less made certain of his place in the Army league team. He and Q. M. S. Blackler (9) added 39 for the second wicket.



Lt. Marsham, the Navy all-rounder, had 6 for 15 with his slow deliveries. In his first over he dismissed Lt. Cooper, L/Cpl. Greenhill, and Major Mousley for one run. He hit the stumps five times.

T. M. L. Redmond, who played for Hong Kong against Malaya six weeks ago, took 3 for 26 and scored 72 retired out of 121. He hit Q. M. S. Blackler and Lt. Walker for sixes and collected eleven boundaries.

Not since the Trials has Redmond really shown his best form, but he is too good for junior cricket. His first five scoring shots were 44, 116, 116, 116, and 116.

H. J. Armstrong (30) aided Redmond to add 80 for the first wicket before he was run out. The Club then lost A. D. Lawson and R. S. W. Patterson, both of whom were clean bowled by Sgt. Anderson, for the addition of 13 runs, and was not until the fourth wicket had fallen that the Club passed their opponents' total.

W. J. O'Reilly (N.S.W.) took 13 for 111 against Queensland to give his State victory by an innings and 171 runs in the Sheffield Shield series. In this game Don Bradman scored 209 and W. Brown 154.

Australian Test candidates were in good form in the Victoria-S. Australia encounter, which the former won by 109 runs.

Victoria 197 (Woodfull 52, Grimmett 7 for 50)

431 (Ponsford 122, Blyth 123)

8. Australia 228 (Nitschke 55, Fleetwood Smith 6 for 61)

231 (C. V. Richardson 102, Ironmonger 6 for 55)

China Mail Sports Diary.

TO-DAY

Contract Bridge. First Round Open Tournament (Sports Club, 2 p.m.)

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Ladies' Section, Medal Competition (New Course)

Miscellaneous. Kowloon Chess Club and Presentation of Chess (Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 7.30 p.m.)

Palairé And Larkin Add 101 Runs

Cagby Records Best Bowling Of Season.

CIVIL SERVANTS SCORE 19 FROM BAT!

(By ATHOLE)

MAGNIFICENT bowling by L. A. Cagby, who took 6 for 2 when given the ball as third change bowler, was responsible for the Navy's second junior league triumph when they beat the Civil Service

by 134 runs at King's Park on Saturday.

Lt. Comdr. Palairé (33) and Lt. Larkin (74 not out) added 64 runs for the first Navy wicket before the former was held off Edmonds. He had hit three boundaries and three 3's.

Larkin and Mtd Slater (49) then added 101 runs in an unbroken second wicket stand and the innings was declared at 165 for 1. In his 74 Larkin hit five boundaries and knocked a ball from E. W. Hamilton out of the ground—a very big hit on the large Navy ground. Slater hit only two boundaries.

Losing their first three wickets for 17 runs the Civil Service batsmen failed miserably against a well varied attack that was changed too often to allow the batsmen to settle down. Sub-Lt. Luard actually bowled six consecutive overs in his only spell in which he took the wickets of P. D. Crawley and W. H. Edmonds.

Given a chance with the ball at 23 for 4, Cagby dismissed the remaining six batsmen for 8 runs his own personal "hat" being:

O. M. R. W.

5 3 2 6

Actually the Civil Servants scored only 19 runs from the bat, there being 12 extras in their poor total of 31. It was their opening match.

Medicals Lose Third Successive Game.

YEOH PLAYS STEADY KNOCK

WHEN Major Bonavia was dismissed without the 10 having been signalled the Medical Corps never recovered in their junior league game against Craigengower at the Valley on Saturday and were beaten by 6 wickets after scoring 81.

Cpl. College offered a stubborn front, but when he left a victim to E. Sparrow the side collapsed before Sparrow (4 for 23), S. Abbas (4 for 37) and W. K. Way (2 for 11).

Craigengower lost their first four wickets for 38 runs, Cpl. Millington sending back Abbas Sparrow, and F. Broadbridge for 27 runs, but T. Yeoh stopped the "rot" with a very sound knock for 41, scored out of 62.

Yeoh hit seven boundaries, and in partnership with A. Kitchell added 45 in an unbroken fifth wicket partnership. This was Craigengower's first win, and the Medicals' third successive defeat.

Junior League Results.

THE following have been the results of the eight junior league games played to date:

L.R.C. beat Recreio by 61 runs.

K.C.C. beat R.A.M.C. by 6 wickets.

K.C.C. beat R.A.M.C. by 112 runs.

Navy beat L.R.C. by 3 wickets.

L.R.C. beat Craigengower by 6 wickets.

R.A.S.C. beat Police 7 runs.

Craigengower beat R.A.M.C. by 6 wickets.

Navy beat C.S.C.C. by 134 runs.

Lt. Larkin's 74 not out for the Navy against the Civil Service is the best score in the League to date, and L. A. E. Cagby's 6 for 2 for the Navy against the Civil Service is the best bowling feat.

JATS GO NAP

Goals by Habib (2) and Jall (4) gave the Jats victory over the H.K.S.A. by five clear goals on the Marina ground yesterday.

CLUB SHOULD MAKE BOLD BID

L.R.C. AND ARMY BATTING NOT STRONG ENOUGH

NAVY'S CHALLENGE FOR THEIR FIRST JUNIOR TITLE

(By Athole)

THE KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB AGAIN GOT SO NEAR BUT YET SO FAR WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO A DRAW BY THE INDIAN RECREATION CLUB WHO HAD ONLY ONE WICKET TO FALL WITH 81 RUNS REQUIRED, IN THEIR PREMIER LEAGUE GAME ON SATURDAY. THIS SECOND CHECK FOR THE KOWLOON ELEVEN HAS MADE THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB, WHO HAVE WON THEIR TWO OPENING GAMES, THE FAVOURITES FOR THE TITLE THEY LAST WON IN THE 1928-9 SEASON.

The Club have now to meet the University (Champions), the Indians, the Army, the Civil Service, and Kowloon, and are almost assured of four more victories and a probable draw against the strong K.C.C. batting side. The Indians have a very poor batting side and the Army, when Capt. Williams and Lt. Garthwaite are out, do not impress.

The Navy are making a bold bid for the Second League Championship, having beaten the Indians and the Civil Service in their two opening matches. They have never won the junior shield which was first played for in the 1921-22 season. They may, however, receive setbacks at the hands of Craigengower (Champions), the Club, and the Recreio.

K.C.C. SCORING RATE TOO SLOW

Fincher Faced With An Unenviable Situation.

COSTLY ERRORS IN FIRST OVER OF L.R.C. INNINGS

(By ATHOLE)

OWING to the slow rate of scoring at the commencement of the K.C.C. innings Teddy Fincher was in an unenviable position as the hands of the clock slowly crept towards 4 o'clock in the premier league game against the L. R. C. on Saturday.

After 98 minutes there were only 137 runs on the board, which was not enough on such a small ground and with the possibility of A. R. Minu and F. D. Pereira coming off to collect quick runs off the weak Kowloon attack. He decided to allow S. V. Gittins to have a "beat" and in 11 minutes 33 runs were added, of which Gittins claimed 22.

Fincher declared at 170 for 6 and left the Indians 83 minutes to get the runs after the visitors had batted 109 minutes.

Losing their first three wickets for 17 runs in 24 minutes the Indians were unable to take too many chances and a draw seemed inevitable unless the K.C.C. could dismiss the remaining seven wickets in less than 59 minutes.

Baker's Ordeal in Last Over

With 20 minutes to go the seventh wicket fell and there was a distinct possibility, but a quarter of an hour went by before the ninth wicket fell at 90. A. K. Ismail had one ball from G. C. Burnett and it hit him on the pads. Fincher then brought W. C. Hung on for F. S. W. Smith for the last over. In fast falling light A. Baker could not have been blamed, but he lost his wicket to the fast bowler, as it was he did not touch one ball, the third one just shaving his leg stump.

Madar Sends K.C.C. In

Winning the toss A. H. Madar wisely sent the K.C.C. in to bat. I was glad to see Fincher followed my suggestion of opening with C. I. Stapleton, the former Interporter proving his value against fast bowling with a nice leg boundary off Pereira and a pull to the rails off Minu in the opening overs. He was unfortunate to be out to a ball from Pereira that appeared to pitch outside the leg stump and which came in to hit him on the pads. There was a confident appeal and the scoreboard read 15-11. He was, however, missed badly by Baker at square leg off Minu when 6.

I was surprised to see Ernie Fincher go out in his usual position at No. 1 when suffering from an injured heel sustained at hockey. He was unable to snipe the all-important short singles, which would have upset the home-going Indian

fielders, and refused to have a runner.

His injury, however, spurred him on to much quicker scoring than in his wont. When Teddy left at 68 after trying to pull a ball from A. K. Ismail which came in to bowl him for 21, Ernie's share of the 41 added for the second wicket was 24. He increased his rate of scoring and when dismissed at 86 he had scored 43 out of 74 in 49 minutes. He hit eight boundaries, being missed off Pereira when 30.

Mackay Plays Pereira Well

N. A. E. Mackay batted well to follow up his effort against the Army, being undefeated at the close with 45 scored out of 114 in 68 minutes. He hit five boundaries in a chanceless innings featured by the masterly manner he played Pereira's expressions.

Gittins again proved his worth as a fast scoring batsman, hitting a ball from A. Rahman out of the ground with a glorious straight drive and reaching the rails on his 22, scored out of 33 in 11 minutes!

Madar handled his attack well giving Pereira and Minu trials at either end in short bursts of three or four overs. Unfortunately the wicket played very true and Pereira was not at his best, while Minu, though troubling Teddy Fincher in his opening spell, again failed to keep the desired length for success.

Rumjahn's Lucky Escapes

The Indians were extremely fortunate when of Burnett's third ball A. H. Rumjahn was badly missed by Mackay behind the wicket. The opening batsman's next scoring shot should have been held by C.B.R. Sargent, who got both hands to the ball in the gully. These two errors cost the K.C.C. 20 runs by Rumjahn, who remained at the crease while 81 runs were scored in 72 minutes.

S. A. Ismail was dismissed with a typical Teddy Fincher catch high up in the slips off Hung at 5 and A. S. Suffiad left 7 runs later after attempting to hit Burnett out of the ground. Gittins and Ernie Fincher both ran for a skier and Gittins took the full force of the ball for Fincher to catch the rebound.

Fincher left in Burnett's next over as the result of playing too soon to a swinging ball and giving Teddy Fincher an easy catch at slip point 17-3-1. Burnett at this stage had taken 2 for 9.

Minu was then sent in to live matter up, and, after he escaped stumping when going out to Burnett's slower ball when 6, rattled up 22 out of 32 in 16 minutes.

Hitting four boundaries as the result of big leg hits Minu aided K. Nazarin (15) to add 82 for the fourth wicket before being well caught off a slider to extra cover by A. T. Lay.

Successful Bowling Change

Fincher then relieved Burnett, who had bowled 10 overs for 24 runs and 3 wickets, and the change was almost immediately successful, Sargent dismissing Pereira and Rahman with successive balls in his second over. Smith bowled Nazarin with a beautiful length

RUMJAHN'S ALL-ROUND FEAT AGAINST POLICE

Averages 7.81 In Bowling For St. Joseph's.

MAKES HIGHEST COLLEGE SCORE OF SEASON

(By ATHOLE)

Only a spirited knock by T. H. King, who hit seven boundaries in his 33 scored out of 46, enabled the Police to total 119 against St. Joseph's for whom A. A. Rumjahn took 9 wickets for 42 runs.

Keeping an excellent length Rumjahn conceded six runs for P. H. Loughlin's wicket in five overs in his first spell. Coming on again at 38 for 1 he took the wickets of W. L. Clarke (15), W. Meadows (22) and G. Wynne (0) in his third over, and finished off the innings for 119 when he dismissed T. H. King (33), E. G. Post (3) and A. Kirby (0) in seven balls for one run.

Rumjahn, who was robbed of the sixth wicket to fall (Wagland) by C. Amery (1 for 20) had the following remarkable figures for the match.

O. M. R. W.

13.3 7 24 9

G. Windsor (20) and A. A. Rumjahn (65) laid the foundations for the St. Joseph's win by 7 wickets when they added 42 runs for the second wicket. Rumjahn and H. Asome (24) were together when the winning hit was made—the pair added 55 for the fourth wicket.

Rumjahn followed up his brilliant bowling feat with a well played 65 scored out of 108. He hit ten boundaries. Asome had a 5 overthrown credited to him against King, and hit the same bowler for the only 6 of the match.

The following have been Rumjahn's bowling feats this season:

University II	11	4	16	3
University II	6	0	27	1
Rice Hall (U.)	12	2	48	5
Recreio	16	4	60	4
Ellis, Kadoorie S.	1	0	7	0
Police	13.3	7	24	9

59.3 17 172 22

His average for the season is 7.81 runs per wicket.

Rumjahn's 65 was the highest score of the season for St. Joseph's. G. Windsor's 62 not out against Queen's College being the previous best. Windsor also scored 60 retired against the Staff and 52 retired against La Salle College. A. H. Baker scored 52 against the L.R.C. juniors.

Meadows is proving a very useful opening batsman for the Police, having scored 30 against the Club, 46 against the Service Corps, 1 against the L.R.C. juniors, and 22 against St. Joseph's.

ball that broke appreciably and had the batsman beaten all ends up.

With J. S. A. Currie, (13) showing a partiality to Smith's bowling and Sargent having accomplished what was required of him I think Fincher kept Smith off too long and Sargent should not have been given his third over.

Burnett came back at 88 and clean bowled Rumjahn with his first ball. The veteran, after a shaky start, had been the model of patience and caution, treating full tosses with poise to leg and holding his end up with admirable determination.

Currie went in Burnett's second over, and A. K. Ismail came in to face the last ball which hit his pads harmlessly with six fielders almost touching him on either side of the wicket. Hung then bowled a maiden to Baker and the match was left drawn.

I do not think Fincher did wrong under the circumstances, an earlier declaration might have proved fatal.

Premier League Results.

THE following have been the results of the seven First Division League matches played to date:

L.R.C. beat Navy by 8 wickets.

L.R.C. beat Craigengower by 138 runs.

Army drew with the Navy.

K.C.C. drew with the Army.

H.K.C. beat the Navy by 10 wickets.

K.C.C. drew with the L.R.C.

H.K.C. beat Craigengower by 6 runs.

E. C. Fincher's 97 for the K.C.C. against the Army is the best batting feat to date, while F. D. Pereira's 6 for 9 for the L.R.C. against Craigengower is the best bowling performance.

CHRISTIE NOT TO FIGHT AGAIN IN THE COLONY

Recent Operation Spoils His Chances.

HOPES TO MEET EWING IN ENGLAND

(By RINGSIDERR)

BOXING enthusiasts will hear with regret that A. B. Christie will not again be seen in action in the Colony following a recent operation.

Christie displayed amazing pluck when opposed to the whirlwind A. B. Fraggott at the Lee Theatre earlier in the year. Taking severe punishment he was beaten on points on that occasion.

Christie hopes to fulfil his engagement with Seaman Harry Ewin, the Colony middleweight Champion, on his arrival in England.

NAVY BOXING TOURNEYS.

Start In Less Than Week.

The Officers, Novices, Boys, and Amateur (team) Navy boxing tournaments will start on December 17, while the Open, another team event, will be begun on December 31. The Finals of this tournament will be decided, it is hoped, at the Lee Theatre on January 6.

One team from each of the following may enter—Kent, Suffolk, Berwick, Cumberland, Eagle, Fourth Submarine Flotilla, Eighth Destroyer Flotilla. Small Ships to include Tamar, Bruce, Sloops, Herald (if present) and the West River Gunboats.

NG SZE KWONG BILLIARDS

Maltby Ensures Win For Holders.

LINCOLN'S BEAT DESTROYERS

IN the second round of the Ng Sze Kwong Billiards-Cup, at the Salora and Soldiers Home, Wanchai, last night the Lincoln's (Holders) defeated the 8th Destroyer Flotilla by 5 games to 0 and qualified to meet H. M. S. Cumberland in the semi-final.

Lt. Cpl. Maltby, the Battalion champion, made the issue safe when he won by 104 points, scoring his 150 in 25 minutes.

Best breaks were recorded by James (27 and 23), Dayanith (24), Pease (22), and Maltby (21).

Scores.

	8th D. F.	
Atkinson	160 Yeomans	182
James	150 Pease	97
Maltby	160 Armer	46
Abbott	150 Newman	110
Herriott	150 Dayanith	144

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The next game will be played on Friday when the Royal Engineers and the Borderers will decide the right of entry to the other semi-final to oppose H. M. S. Eagle.

CONTRACT BRIDGE TOURNNEY.

Eleven First Round Results.

ELEVEN First Round matches in the Contract Bridge Tournament were decided yesterday as follows:

P. N. da Silva and H. Barros beat Mr. and Mrs. Karshaw.

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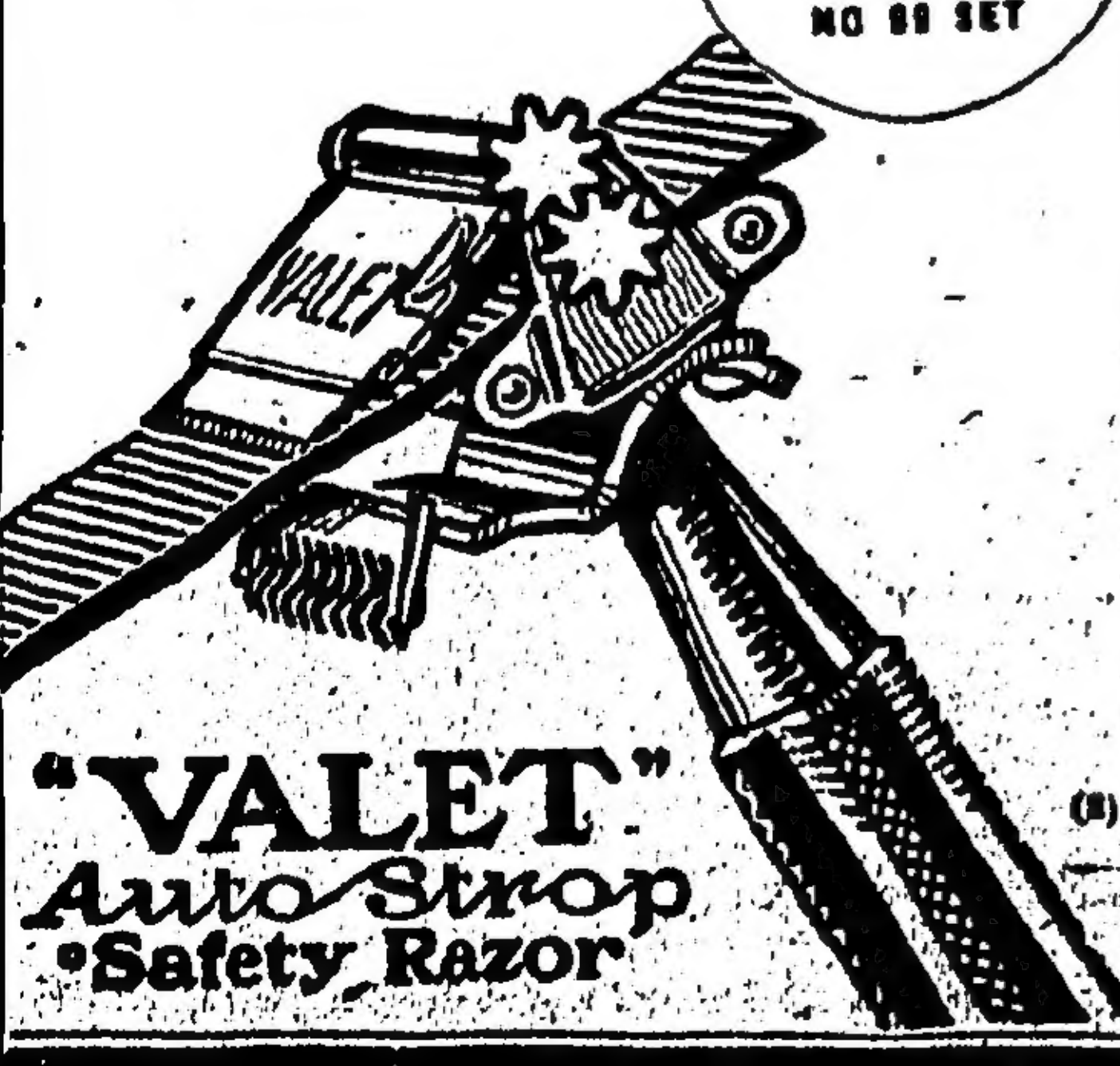
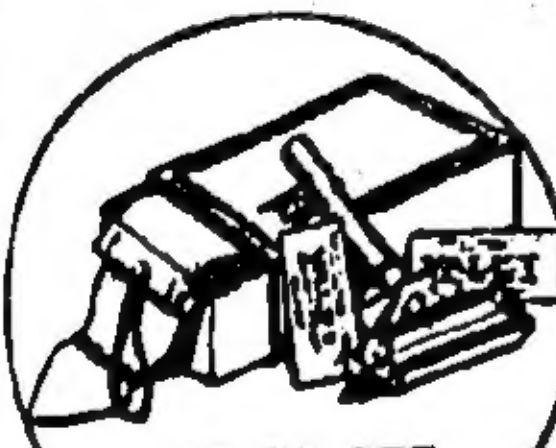
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(B586)—Hullo Everybody B.B.C. Dance Orch.
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(B631)—Falling For You B.B.C. Dance Orch.
(B637)—Halwatha's Lullaby Venuto's Orch.
(B634)—My Love Song S.S. Homer's Orch.
(B636)—You're Not The One For Me Carter's Orch.
(B659)—Adieu Tango Gerald's Orch.
(B632)—In The Valley Of The Moon B.B.C. Dance Orch.

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RANGER'S WEEK-END HOME SOCCER FORECAST

HALL THOMPSON
DUE BACK FROM
FOOCHOW SOON

Club Wing Forward
Solution.

MOUTRIE MAY GO IN HOSPITAL

Oxford Favoured To-day
(By SCRUM HALF)

A. P. Hall-Thompson who has been away from the Colony ever since the end of the last rugby season is expected back this week from Foochow. Should he stay in the Colony for a considerable length of time he may probably solve the Club's wing forward problem.

G. C. Moutrie, the Club's front row forward, will not be turning out for the Club "A" against the Navy "A" to-morrow as he is suffering from a septic foot. It is believed that he will go into hospital for a few days.

C. Austin, the Shanghai Inter-porter, has now recovered his fitness and will probably be seen in action to-morrow against the Navy "A". He hooked for Shanghai in the memorable game at the Valley in February, 1931.

PRIOR to the Triangular Tournament fixture between the Club and the Army, there will be a game in which the pack of the Navy premier fifteen and Army and Club backs will play against a team comprised of the Navy backs and Club and Army forwards.

This should prove rather interesting as it will possibly show any weakness in the Navy team.

E. G. Jones, who tore a cartilage in the knee last Wednesday, may not turn out to-morrow, but will be seen out to-morrow week in an "A" fixture. The injury is not very serious and requires only time to heal.

The following is the Club "A" team to meet the Navy "A" on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. to-morrow:

R. P. Edwards; B. C. Allan; J. Hutchinson; L. G. Robertson; W. Harris; Walker; A. F. Jenkins; H. C. Meek; C. Austin; W. R. Andrews; R. J. Cherrill; S. H. Garrod; A. R. Cox; N. M. Cuchane; A. N. Othier; and A. H. Harbord.

Referee—Mr. C. E. Holmes.

THE Royal Artillery unit stationed on Stonecutters' Island will meet the Lincolnshire Regiment in a friendly rugby match at Sookun-poon at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The Artillery team will be composed of the following fifteen:

Gnr. Hopkins; Gnr. O'Brien; Lieut. A. L. Birt; Sgt. Clark and Gnr. Talbot; L. Bdr. Hall and Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite; Gnr. Hubbard; Lieut. B. L. E. Hooper; Gnr. Barracklow; L. Bdr. Fulham; L. Bdr. Smith; Bdr. Almark; Gnr. Warren and Lieut. N. W. Metcalfe.

Referees:—Tptr. Nicklem, Gnr. Ryder and Gnr. Scott.

ROLLA PILOTTED TO
WIN BY MRS. KEMBLE

Zephyr And Joss Win In
Ladies' Yachting.

ROLLA (Mrs. Kemble) won the "H" Class event in the First Ladies' Yachting Championship yesterday when she beat Ariel (Miss B. Fair) by 2 mins. 5 secs. over a 5.4 miles course.

The following were the results in correct order:

"H" Class
1. Rolla (Mrs. Kemble); 2. Ariel (Miss B. Fair); 3. Dorothea (Mrs. Cooke); 4. Diana (Mrs. Whitlam).
"I" and "G" Class
1. Zephyr (Mrs. Wren); 2. Stella (Miss B. Fair); 3. Bluejacket (Mrs. Atkinson); 4. Robina (Mrs. Marshall); 5. Speedwell (Mrs. Horne); 6. Alina (Miss Fahnstock); 7. Tynette (Miss O. Falchetti).
"A" Class
1. Joss (Mrs. Stanton); 2. Pat (Mrs. Elliott); 3. Wren (Mrs. Fowkes); 4. Furry (Mrs. Holt); 5. True Blue (Mrs. Adams); 6. La Linda (Mrs. Sheldon).

ARSENAL TO ENTERTAIN PENSIONERS
IN "DERBY" CLASH: SPURS TO TRAVEL:
GRIMSBYS' STIFF HURDLE

RANGERS AND MOTHERWELL IN AWAY GAMES

English League.

FIRST DIVISION.

ARSENAL (4) v Chelsea (1)

BIRMINGHAM (0) v Leicester (4)

BLACKBURN (4) v Huddersfield (2)

DERBY (3) v Sheffield U. (0)

Everton (6) v Sunderland (1)

LEEDS (2) v Wolves (0)

MANCHESTER C. (1) v Liverpool (1)

MIDDLESBRO (5) v Portsmouth (4)

NEWCASTLE (-) v Stoke (-)

Wednesday (-) v Tottenham (-)

WEST BROMWICH (2) v Aston Villa (3)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	18	10	3	5	38	18	25
Tottenham	18	10	4	4	32	17	24
Derby	17	9	3	5	32	19	23
Huddersfield	18	9	4	5	34	31	23
Manchester C.	18	8	6	4	26	10	22
Sheffield U.	18	8	6	4	24	21	21
W. Bromwich	18	8	6	4	29	22	20
Blackburn	18	7	2	9	38	20	20
Portsmouth	18	7	6	5	22	27	19
Leeds	18	7	7	4	29	27	19
Liverpool	17	7	3	7	30	30	17
Aston Villa	17	9	0	8	24	40	17
Middlesbrough	17	7	3	7	30	30	17
Everton	17	5	6	6	28	20	16
Birmingham	18	4	6	8	19	18	16
Leicester	18	5	8	5	20	29	15
Newcastle	18	4	7	7	26	35	15
Wednesday	18	6	10	2	28	35	14
Stoke	18	4	8	6	18	37	14
Sheffield U.	18	5	10	3	22	45	13
Chelsea	18	3	13	2	22	44	8

SECOND DIVISION.

Blackpool (-) v Grimsby (-)

BRADFORD C. (2) v Notts F. (2)

FULHAM (1) v Preston (10)

HULL (-) v Oldham (-)

Lincoln (-) v Brentford (-)

Millwall (-) v Bolton (-)

Southampton (-) v Plymouth (-)

PORTVALE (4) v West Ham (0)

SOUTHAMPTON

Swansea (2) v Manchester U. (1)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	18	13	5	0	44	15	26
Bolton	18	11	6	1	34	27	23
Blackpool	18	9	4	5	30	18	23
Port Vale	18	10	6	2	28	21	22
Brentford	18	8	5	5	40	30	21
Preston	18	8	5	5	32	24	21
Plymouth	18	7	5	6	39	30	20
Bradford C.	18	9	8	1	36	34	19
West Ham	18	7	6	5	38	30	19
Manchester U.	18	8	8	2	29	38	18
Notts F.	18	7	7	4	29	28	18
Fulham	18	8	6	4	24	20	17
Southampton	18	7	8	3	20	20	17
Hull	18	8	7	3	28	37	17
Oldham	18	6	7	5	26	29	17
Bradford C.	18	8	9	1	31	31	17
Burnley	18	6	9	3	32	35	15
Bury	18	5	9	4	26	42	14
Swansea	18	4	10	4	23	31	12
Lincoln	18	3	10	5	12	28	11
Millwall	18	3	10	5	11	27	11

KENT BEAT
CUMBERLAND
IN RUGBY GAME

Garwood Kicks Penalty
Goal And Finch-Noyes
Scores Try.

POOR PASSING BY BACKS
(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

PLAYING at the Valley yesterday H.M.S. Kent defeated H.M.S. Cumberland by a penalty goal and a try (6 points) to nil, in a scrappy game of Rugby.

Bad passing among the backs on both sides nullified scoring opportunities, while the hoeling in the light and loose scrums was also weak.

The Kent had more of the play, although the Cumberland backs lacked well to keep them out.

GUR. LT. GARWOOD opened the scoring for the Kent in the first half with a penalty goal, MID. FINCH-NOYES increasing the score in the second half with a try. Henderson failing to convert.

Kent:—Mid. Henderson; Mid. Finch-Noyes; Ldg. St. Swift; A. B. Langway and Tel. Clarke; Sub-Lt. Garwood and L. S. Dowden; Lt. Carpentier; Lt. Owen; Lt. Sheppard; P. O. Brown; A. B. McManus; Lt. Hill; Lt. Morris and Mid. Reed.
Cumberland:—E. A. Drury; Sub-Lt. Mitchell; Surg. Lt. Forster; Lt. Comdr. Goddard; Lt. Richards; Lt. Eather and Mid. Talbot; A. B. Martin; A. B. Smith; St. Elton; Ldg. St. Hughes; Lt. Emmanuel; Mid. Yier; P. E. A. Brewer and Lt. Brown.

Scottish League.

FIRST DIVISION.

AYR (4) v Airdrie (2)

CELTIC (0) v St. Mirren (0)

Cowdenbeath (1) v MOTHERWELL (4)

Hamilton (2) v Rangers (4)

Hibernians (-) v Dundee (-)

KILMARNOCK (1) v Falkirk (1)

PARTICK (2) v Third Lanark (2)

QUEEN'S PARK (4) v Aberdeen (0)

QUEEN'S PARK (-) v Clyde (-)

St. Johnstone (2) v Hearts (1)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	21	18	0	3	52	18	39
Rangers	20	16	2	2	64	20	34
Ayr Utd.	21	10	5	6	54	59	28
Hearts	20	10	4	6	45	28	26
Aberdeen	21	11	4	6	51	29	26
Kilmarnock	21	10	7	4	45	38	24
St. Johnstone	20	9	6	5	38	29	23
Falkirk	21	10	8	3	47	43	23
Queen's P.	20	10	0	0	38	50	20
Celtic	18	7	6	5	39	30	19
Dundee	20	8	10	2	40	30	18
Hamilton	19	7	8	4	35	48	18
Queen's Park	20	7	12	1	37	53	15
Hibernians	20	11	3	3	32	35	15
Partick	19	4	8	7	20	35	15
Third Lanark	20	6	12	2	37	49	14
Airdrie	20	4	11	5	37	62	13
St. Mirren	19	5	12	2	26	49	12
St. Johnstone	21	3	12	6	25	44	12
Cowdenbeath	20	3	13	4	35	57	10

(Teams in capital letters are forecast winners and figures in brackets denote result of corresponding game last year.)

SPECIALS

HOME

Arsenal, Derby, Port Vale, Norwich, Ayr.

AWAY

Bolton, Brentford, Coventry, Motherwell, Rangers.

DRAWS

Wednesday, North County, Newport, Blackpool, Hibernians.

F.A. CUP

Arsenal To Visit

Luton Town.

VILLA AT CHESTERFIELD

London, To-day.

The draw for the Third Round of the Cup Tie, to be played on January 13, was announced yesterday as follows:

Plymouth vs. Huddersfield.
Crystal Palace vs. Aldershot.
Manchester U. vs. Portsmouth.
Workington vs. Gateshead.
Southampton vs. Northampton.
Chelsea vs. West Bromwich.
Bristol City vs. Derby.
Rotherham vs. Wednesday.
Charlton vs. Port Vale.
Notts Forest vs. Qns. Pk. Rangers or N. Brighton.
Hull vs. Brentford.
Stoke vs. Bradford.
Reading vs. Oldham.
Birmingham vs. Sheffield United.
Brighton vs. Swindon.
Chesterfield vs. Aston Villa.
Leeds vs. Preston.
Grimsby vs. Walsall or Orient.
Tranmere vs. Southend.
Bolton vs. Halifax or Hartlepool.
Sunderland vs. Middlesbrough.
Millwall vs. Accrington.
Wolverhampton vs. Newcastle.
Cheltenham vs. Blackpool.
Manchester C. vs. Blackburn.
Liverpool vs. Fulham.
Luton vs. Arsenal.
Swansea vs. North County.
Leicester vs. Lincoln.
Tottenham vs. Everton.
West Ham vs. Bradford City.
Burnley vs. Bury.

PORTUGAL'S TEAM

Fifteen Selected For

Game With China.

PORTUGAL'S football team for their Sunday Herald International Charity Cup encounter against China on December 28 on the Club ground, will be selected from the following:—

R. Marques (St. Joseph's), E. Marques (Recreio), L. Gomes (St. Joseph's), E. Silva-Neta (Recreio), A. V. Gossao (St. Joseph's), S. Souza (Recreio), V. Marques (St. Joseph's), N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's), F. J. Elms (St. Joseph's), G. Gutierrez (Recreio), E. Gossao (St. Joseph's), A. Ward (St. Joseph's), L. Rocha (St. Joseph's), L. Fernandes (St. Joseph's), and Goncalves (Recreio).

KENT BOYS BEATEN

The H.M.S. Kent Boys lost to the team by the odd goal in five on the Dockyard ground yesterday. Priestly (2) and Ward scored for the winners, and Marshall and Jones for the Boys.

INTERPORT
HOCKEYSUB-COMMITTEE
ELECTED TO DEAL
WITH QUESTION

International Tourney
Jeopardised.

UMPIRING BOARD ELECTED

Navy Join Association But
Lay Down Conditions

(By STICKS).

It was decided to allow the question of Interport hockey games to be dealt with by a newly formed sub-committee, at the general meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association held at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

An umpiring board, however, consisting of Lt. Comdr. E. B. Leigh, R. N. (H. M. S. Medway), Captain J. J. Lyons (38th Jat Regiment) and Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, was formed to deal with the 40 odd candidates who are to take the examinations.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the President of the Association, presided, and those present were Mr. A. A. Dand, vice-President, Mr. P. A. Kemp (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. H. Wong (Hon. Treasurer), Lt. Comdr. F. B. Leigh, R. N., Mr. D. Woodward (C.B.A. Club), Mr. J. J. King (C.B.A. Club), Mr. O. May (German Club), Mr. A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's Club), Mr. A. M. Xavier (Club de Recreio), Mr. A. E. Xavier (United H. C.), Mr. J. J. Lyons (K.I.T.C.), Mr. Surin Singh (Raffles S. C.), Mr. T. G. Barros (Incognita H. C.) and Mr. E. L. Gossao (University).

Navy Joins Association

A letter was read to the meeting from the Hon. Secretary of the China Fleet Hockey Association in which the naval body intimated that they were ready to affiliate on the condition that the rules conformed with those of the Home Association.

On the proposal of Mr. A. A. Dand, seconded by Mr. F. A. Kemp, the Umpiring Board, consisting of Lt. Comdr. Leigh, R.N., Captain J. J. Lyons and Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell was formed.

It was decided that the examinations would take the form of an oral test and that at least three matches would have to be correctly umpired under observation of the Board. The examinations were to be left entirely to the Board.

Owing to the approaching departure of a number of naval ships until March next, it was decided to adjourn the subject of arrangements for the International matches until the next meeting. A letter has been received from Surg. Lt. Comdr. Phillips (H.M.S. Suffolk), who is resigning from the position of representative for Ireland as his ship is soon leaving. The following sub-committee was elected to deal with the question of Interport games: Messrs. A. A. Dand, A. E. P. Guest and Mr. A. M. Xavier.

NAVY TRIAL TEAMS

Ellis Kadoorie School Prizegiving

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau
Presents Awards

HEADMASTER PRAISES EDUCATIONAL WORK

The annual prize distribution of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Chinese took place this morning in the School Hall. The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, who presented the prizes, Mr. N. L. Smith, Director of Education, and Mr. J. Ralston, the Headmaster, were present.

The Headmaster in his report for the year said:—

Mr. Chau's Example.

"The school year, which commenced on January 1, 1933, terminated on October 31. This curtailment of the session necessitated a certain speeding up of the work; but the keenness of the pupils and the co-operation of the staff enabled the curriculum in all classes to be completely overtaken.

The maximum enrolment was 441, a decrease of 29. The average daily attendance was 418, an improvement on even last year's excellent percentage. The almost complete elimination of frivolous excuses for absence is a very gratifying feature of the school at the present time. Parents and guardians are at last realising that requests for leave on inadequate grounds will not be acceded to.

In January I took over the Headmastership from Mr. Kay. We were glad in September to welcome back once more Mrs. Church, who came to replace Mrs. O'Connor. The latter has gone on a well-earned leave to Europe, after 6 years' continuous service in the Education Department. Also, in the month of September, Mrs. Stubblings returned to us on transfer from Bellio's Public School. Her work here is of the greatest value in the higher classes. We were sorry to lose the services of Miss Newsholme last June. She is now Headmistress of the Peak School; but we hope she will return to us early in the New Year.

Satisfactory Results in Examinations.

As already stated, the educational work done during last session was eminently satisfactory, and the results in the Annual Examination proved this. In Class 4, 48 boys presented themselves for the Annual Examination, and 34 were successful.

It is interesting to note that, of these 34, only 11 elected to be promoted to King's College, while 23 proceeded from here to Queen's to continue their studies.

As some of you are aware, this schooling building was erected gradually, over a period of several years, by the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese Schools Society, of which the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak was secretary. It was finally completed in the year 1911, and handed over to Government in 1915.

The care and maintenance of the structure and furniture are in the hands of the Public Works Department, which carried out a considerable number of necessary repairs during last summer vacation. There is always an annual recurrence of a summer plague of white ants, and constant vigilance is required to bring to light and repair their ravages.

As was emphasized in last year's Headmaster's report, the health of both staff and pupils has again been excellent. It is essential that students be in a fit state physically to profit by the education we provide for them. To this end we are indebted for medical attention and treatment to our school clinic and also to the adjacent Government Civil Hospital.

A successful Health Exhibition arranged by the Medical Officer for Schools was recently held in the school, during which there were public lectures and demonstrations by the school doctors and nurses. Our elder boys attended these and showed great interest.

The usual outdoor and indoor sports were taken part in during the period under review, and recreational and educational excursions by both sea and land were greatly enjoyed by staff and pupils.

A feature of the work in the higher classes has been the periodic visits paid under the guidance of their teachers to places of instructional interest in different parts of the Colony. The broader cultural aspect of modern education has received definite attention and to this end a weekly pictorial lesson on current events, and the supply of suitable English and Chinese periodicals to the School Reading Room have greatly contributed. The prefects have done efficient work in maintaining discipline, both in school and out.

Scout Troop Suspended.
Unfortunately, certain irregularities were brought to light regarding the conduct of some members of our Ellis Kadoorie School Troop of Boy Scouts. In spite of diligent search and enquiry, no suitable officers could be found to take charge, and the activities of the troop have regrettably been discontinued. I hope this will prove only a temporary suspension of this useful influence in school life.

I desire to thank publicly the donors of the scholarships presented to-day. No Headmaster's speech is complete without formal reference to the good work of his teachers. I have never paid tribute to the labours of a more willing and able staff. I shall part with you all with great regret when I proceed from here on transfer next week. The school, however, is fortunate in that my place as Headmaster will be filled by Mr. Kay. I feel certain you will all be glad to have him back.

After distributing the prizes, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau said he was greatly honoured by being asked to present the prizes. He congratulated the pupils on their attainments and complimented the school in its record.

Mr. N. L. Smith, Director of Education, made a short speech in which he also congratulated the pupils and also the masters who had worked together to bring about such an outstanding success as shown in the examination results. He said he hoped to see many of the present pupils rise in Hong Kong's Chinese Community to fill responsible positions such as that now occupied by the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.

Prize-List.

The following is the list of prize winners:—

Government Scholarships to Queen's College or King's College:—Class 4:—Ko Tsok-yum, Chow Yun-pui, Yu Tsan-sau, Poon Ying-chow, Shum Wing-hong and Wong Yan-chow.

Woo Hay Tong Scholarship:—(Class 4):—Ho Mee-chim.

Tai Yau Scholarship:—1st, In-statement: (Class 4):—Leung Kan-ki.

Tai Yau Scholarship:—2nd, In-statement: (Queen's College) Keung Ping-hong.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship:—(Class 4) Wong Ho-sun.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Prizes:—(Class 4) 1—Ko Tsok-yum 2—Chow Yun-pui.

Class Prizes:—(Class 4): 1—Lam So, 2—Man Shun-ye, 3—Fung Ngok-hang.

Chinese Prizes:—(Class 4) 1—Chow Yun-pui, 2—Wong Yan-chow, 2—Poon Ying-chow.

Government Free Scholarships:—(Class 5) Li Chan-wing.

Woo Hay Tong Scholarship:—(Class 5) Ko Tsok-hang.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship:—(Class 5) Ho Wing-ho.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship:—(Class 5) Wong-cham.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Prizes:—(Class 5) 1—Li Chan-wing, 2—Wong-cham.

Class Prizes:—(Class 5) 1—Chan Shiu-chung, 2—Chan Hon-ming, 3—Tang Man-chi.

Chinese Prizes:—(Class 5) 1—Wong Man-tai, 2—Li Chan-wing, 3—Wong Man-wa.

Government Free Scholarships:—(Class 6) Lau Yan-choi.

Woo Hay Tong Scholarship:—(Class 6) Liang Yik-tan.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship:—(Class 6) Kwok Kai-shin.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship:—(Class 6) Kwok Ho-ming.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Prizes:—

COLONY'S CONTRACT BRIDGE

Tournament Play
Commenced.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

The following are the results of the first round of the Colony's Contract Bridge Tournament:—

M. H. Lo and H. Lo beat Mrs. Grist and Dr. I. Newton.

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo beat Mrs. A. L. Shields and Mrs. Grossman.

Major Field and F. W. Edge beat Mrs. W. M. Lambert and Mrs. M. A. Johnson.

P. V. Botelho and A. A. D'Azavedo beat Mrs. J. H. Lewis Turner and Mrs. Odell.

R. E. Russell and D. A. O'Kieffe beat Mrs. Worthington and Mrs. Kearny.

Mrs. Litton and Dr. Chau beat Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Mrs. W. Clark.

M. David and M. A. Tobias beat Mrs. M. E. Politi and E. M. Raymond.

Mrs. Muzzall and Major Duclos beat Mr. and Mrs. Herman.

R. E. Lindell and M. E. Politi beat D. Denham and C. Groves.

W. L. McKenzie and L. E. Stone beat J. E. Ballard and Andrew Tse.

P. N. da Silva and H. A. Barros beat Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw.

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Some 200 ladies spent a very pleasant afternoon at the Helena May Institute on Monday playing Contract Bridge, Auction Bridge and Mahjongg in a series of competitions organised in aid of the funds of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The winners of the very attractive prizes offered were as follows:—Contract Bridge: 1st Prize Mrs. Byrne, 2nd, Prize Mrs. Goldsmith, Hidden Number, Miss Wilson, Auction Bridge: Mrs. Kirk Mahjongg: Miss M. Loureiro.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mrs. Barrett, for distributing the prizes, to Mrs. Taggart, Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., and the British American Tobacco Company for gifts of confectionery and cigarettes, to Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Greig, Mrs. Bousfield and Mrs. Rofey for donating the prizes, and to the Committee of the Helena May Institute for the loan of the rooms.

WEATHER REPORT

Fair, with fresh north-easterly winds, is the forecast issued to-day by the Royal Observatory.

Hong Kong's rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was .05 of an inch, making a total of 61.51 inches since January 1, against an average of 82.40 inches.

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Chinese Prizes:—(Class 6.) 1.—Kwok Hon-ming, 2.—Li Yee-moon, 3.—Kwok Kai-chiu.

Government Free Scholarships:—(Class 7) Tang Wing-kai.

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1933.

Plain Words To Mr. De Valera.

Mr. Thomas's declaration of the British Government's attitude towards the most recent developments of Mr. Valera's policy will command general assent throughout the Empire. It was dignified, reasonable and firm. The sole objectors will be those who make it their business to find impossible excuses for Irish pin-pricks administered in Hibernian fashion with a rusty nail, and who say that there must be means, hitherto untried, of winning over Mr. De Valera to an honest acceptance of what remains of the Treaty. There are none. Mr. De Valera has the reputation of being faithful to his word. He has said over and over again that he does not consider himself bound in honour by any words of fealty that he may have sworn—with mental reservations—to the Crown and the British connection, that he does not recognise the validity of the Treaty, and that he is only waiting the convenient moment to declare a Republic. If ever "faith unfaithful" kept a statesman "falsely true" both to the British connection and to the "Irish Republic," that statesman is Mr. De Valera. It would be a blunder of the first magnitude for the British Government to make overtures to Mr. De Valera. Whenever that was tried in the old days it ended in absolute failure and merely encouraged the malcontents and the extremists. Nor can there be any question of inviting the other Dominions to come into parley—why should they thrust their head into this hornet's nest? It is no longer a question of the annulment. It is a question of deliberately whittling away express obligations of the Treaty by a series of repudiations, until now, if the Bill passes the three Bills submitted to it, only the last link will remain. Nor should it be forgotten that while the first steps of this process were taken by the Cosgrave Government, the programme of the new United Ireland party includes a proposal to "reopen with Great Britain and Northern Ireland the partition question. As the greatest obstacle to the full acceptance by the Irish people of free and equal partnership in the British Commonwealth." Yet everyone knows that to reopen the question of partition would be to throw a sword into the scales. Even if the partition line were wiped out, there would still remain the crucial problem whether Ireland was to be a Republic with some form of Association with the British Commonwealth in some circumstances and for some reasons, and with recognition of the King as the Head of that Association, or a Dominion in the full sense that Canada and Australia are Dominions. Mr. De Valera's vague suggestion of being both in and out of the British Commonwealth—in whenever there is any profit to be snatched from membership and out whenever it is a question of sharing a common burden and performing honourable obligations—was declared by Mr. Thomas to be "totally unacceptable." The Imperial Conference of 1926 settled the constitutional relations between Great Britain and the Dominions. It has been a matter of the sincerest regret to all parties in this country that the Irish Free State, instead of falling into line with the other Dominions and with Great Britain, is resolutely bent on breaking the line and refusing to keep step. But what can one think when not even on Armistice Day can the Irish soldiers who fought for the Empire be publicly remembered in Dublin without disorder? That the Irish Free State is suffering severely from this insensate display of irreconcilable ill-will, not only economically but in status and prestige, needs no demonstration. The will to friendship is strong on the British side and abiding, but no occasionally conforming members in the British Commonwealth are wanted.

Training The Body.

It is a curious—and, perhaps, not a very creditable—fact that the new Physical Training College for Men opened by Lord Irwin at Leeds should be the first of its kind in Britain, and should owe, if not its whole existence, at least its splendour, to the munificence of the Carnegie Trust. It is designed to train a new class of teachers of "gymnastic"—in the widest classical sense of the term—rather than of gymnastics, in the modern sense. The old type of instructor is to be superseded by one whose status will be equal to that of any other class of teacher. For the entrants are all to be university graduates and certificated teachers. In this particular field we, as a nation, have hitherto lagged behind several of the Continental peoples, notably Sweden and Germany. The greatest advocate of physical culture was Plato, who insisted that the "guardians" who were to be the rulers of his ideal State should be as "muscular" in body as well as in mind. Lord Irwin put the same idea in different words when he said: "In teaching control of the body, physical training helps that body and balance of spirit which is so important in these days of

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Carlyle And Cock-Crowing
Sir James Barrie, himself an Edinburgh graduate, has contributed to the current issue of the University of Edinburgh Journal some remarks on Thomas Carlyle and his destination of cock-crowing.

Carlyle, says Sir James, "seems always to have thought that the only way to peace was to kill the cock. Too late, an inventor appeared who said Not at all. Stop the crowing was his cure. It could be done easily. All you needed was 'a small lath suspended about eighteen inches above the perch.'"

"A cock cannot crow without stretching his neck, and when he stretches his neck his comb strikes sharply against the lath. Cocks cannot endure having their combs touched, and so this simple contrivance reduces them to silence."

How different, reflected Sir James, might Carlyle's life have been if this invention had been conceived in his lifetime! Sir James's sympathetic mood is easily understood; to him not only the cock's crow but its zest for publicity must be anathema.

Your Daily Smile

Q. AND A.
"Do you carry fumes?" asks a headline. No: I always make the darn things walk.

Too Much

A housewife was examining an applicant for the position of cook. "And why did you leave your last place?" she asked. "I couldn't stick it," the applicant replied with some warmth. "The master and the mistress were for ever quarrelling."

"But that surely had nothing to do with you," said the mistress of the house. "And, anyway," she added as an afterthought, "what were the rows about?" "Oh, always about the way the meals were cooked," came the reply.

Soliloquy

Well, husbands have had enough to say about their wives wanting to wear trousers; now let's hear what they'll say when wives want a fur coat to wear.

JOKING APART

Most of Hollywood's divorced couples.

Full Up

"Shall we knock off for to-day, sir?" the head keeper asked his master.

Nurich, who had lately taken up the shooting, gave him a puzzled glare.

"Why, aren't there any more birds about?" he asked. "Plenty," said the unhappy head keeper; "but the cottage hospital has sent a message to say that they haven't any more beds for the shot-beaters."

Premature

Sweet Young Thing: "My boy friend has cold feet."

Fond Auntie: "Shame on you young lady. In my day we didn't find out those things until we were married."

Facts You Did Not Know.

A new tea kettle has a hollow chamber in the bottom, with an outlet pipe so that the heat rises and is distributed to all sides of the water at once, speeding up its work.

An airplane propeller invented by an Italian consists of four rotating disks arranged at equal distance around a hub and set at a variable angle to its plane of rotation.

The steel armour covering a new automobile for carrying valuables is covered with an aluminum shell and a layer of insulating material to catch bullets fired at the vehicle.

A new motion picture theatre in Zurich, Switzerland, has been equipped with a roof that can be opened automatically to ventilate the auditorium or left open on warm nights.

Idleness and nervous strain, crowded cities and insupportable noise. It is to be hoped that the new 'games masters' will not make their physical training too formal and too stiff.

CAN FRANCE PROTECT HER GOLD HOARD? PROBLEMS CREATED BY BIG BUDGET DEFICIT

(By Leonard J. Reid.)

London, November 3. What will be the effect on France of Mr. Roosevelt's gold-purchasing policy? How will the franc fare?

I have just returned from France, where I have been seeking an answer to these questions, so important to France and to other countries as well. The answers are not yet forthcoming with any certainty.

M. Paul Reynaud, a former Finance Minister of France, scents a real currency war in the air. Official French opinion takes a calmer view. Time will show which view is right.

Meanwhile, what is possible is to take stock of the main features of the French situation upon which this new menace—if, indeed, it is a menace—is superimposed.

M. Sarraut is facing, with his new Cabinet, the same Chamber of Deputies and the same Budget problems which so recently destroyed M. Daladier's Ministry.

Few people in Paris believe that M. Sarraut will succeed in grappling with the vital Budget problem. If he does not, his Ministry must give way to another.

Economics Essential

There may, perhaps, be several Governments before the people of France and their representatives in Parliament are sufficiently impressed with the gravity of the financial situation to accept the large economies that are called for and considerable fresh taxation necessary to restore Budget equilibrium.

Officially, the deficit facing the French Budget is estimated at six milliards of francs. Independent estimates put it as high as eight milliards. Doubts are openly expressed whether the Budget proposals of the last Government, which the Chamber rejected, were anything like drastic enough.

Critical observers are convinced that even more is necessary than cutting down the remuneration of officials, which the Chamber has rejected, or the present taxation proposals, which are very unpopular. They believe that wider economies, heavier taxation, and a severe tightening-up of tax-collecting methods are essential. Such a view has been expressed, for instance, by M. Flaudin, who has been Finance Minister, and probably will be again.

Three Nations

There is agreement also that such measures could not be put into force by any but a Natural Government, brought into being through national recognition of the existence of a real emergency. The big problem in France is how quickly circumstances will compel the country to recognise the emergency and to act accordingly.

Similarities exist between the present French position and that of Britain in 1931. France has a badly unbalanced Budget, as we had then, and an increasingly unfavourable balance of international payments. But there is this vital difference. France possesses vast gold stocks. We did not.

A French banker summarised the problem to me the other day in the following terms:

"Two things are necessary if a country is to maintain the Gold Standard. First, a willingness to do so; secondly, the resources to enable it to do so."

"In 1931, England had the willingness, but not the gold resources."

"In 1933 America had the gold resources, but not the willingness."

"To-day France has both." It is also an undoubted fact that the French nation as a whole keenly remembers the loss of savings occasioned by the currency depreciation of 1928, and is so determined that it shall not occur again that the word "inflation" remains a national bogey of major proportions.

Foreign Capital

Yet, apart from any special influence caused by Mr. Roosevelt's new gold-purchasing policy, the withdrawal of gold from France is threatened in two ways. The country's balance of payments with the outside world is increasingly unfavourable. And, with the high value of the franc in relation to

other currencies continuing, French exports can hardly do otherwise than dwindle progressively.

It is, therefore, logical to suppose that gold must go out automatically to settle the balance.

Secondly, a large amount of frightened foreign capital has been transferred to Paris by Americans and others who were nervous of the future of their own currency.

"Should the franc be subjected to distrust from a growing recognition of Budget difficulties and probable gold losses, these nervous short-term funds might tend quickly to leave Paris for London. The Bank of France has abundant gold stocks to meet all such demands, and is perfectly prepared to use its resources to the utmost."

The only question which arises is whether public opinion in France would permit heavy losses of gold to continue, or at what point a demand would come from the Chamber of Deputies to place an embargo upon gold export.

Another way of regarding the problem is this. There are three influences threatening the stability of the franc.

Costs And Exports

The first is the influence of economic sufferings due to high costs and reduced exports. Since unemployment in France is still at a very low level, this influence will operate only slowly.

The second influence is the effect of probable gold withdrawals. Such a movement would probably have to persist for some considerable time before it produced political effects.

The third influence, and the one which is capable of acting far more quickly, and effectively, is the actual position of the Treasury.

At the present time the French Treasury's borrowing needs are very formidable. It has to borrow, and not merely to cover a serious revenue deficit. It has to borrow also to finance costly sanctioned projects of public works. And it has to renew constantly the vast volume of floating debt.

Herein lies the crux of the problem. If successive Governments fail to balance the Budget, as seems probable, and if, as seems certain, gold will leave the Bank of France, how long will it remain possible for the Treasury to borrow at tolerable rates the money which it requires?

Take one instance of a difficulty that may arise. If foreign opinion is disturbed by such movement, even though French opinion remains complacent, foreign banks would probably cease to subscribe to French Treasury bills, for the reason that if speculators are favouring the pound rather than the franc, they would be unable to cover their risk by forward exchange operations.

The date when a crisis comes to be recognised by the French people may be determined by the arrival of a position in which regular

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RECKLESS DRIVING.

Bus, Lorry And Car
Drivers Fined.

At the Traffic Court this morning before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Lau Kat, driver of bus No. 195, was fined \$15 for dangerous driving at 30 m.p.h. between Aberdeen and the Dairy Farm.

Mak Kwok-wah, driver of private car 451, was fined \$20 for dangerous driving in Lockhart Road.

For driving along Hennessy Road at 27 miles per hour, Tam Chi, lorry driver, was fined \$15.

UNLICENSED DRIVER OF PRIVATE CAR.

European Owner Fined
And Warned.

Mr. H. Guard, of 2 Garden Road, was summoned at the Central Police Court this morning for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car, No. 2929, at Aberdeen on November 19.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton imposed a fine of \$10.

BRITAIN AND NANKING INCREASES FUKIEN WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGNERS NOT ADVISED

SITUATION CLOSELY WATCHED.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT WARNED

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Conservative member for Whitehaven, Cumberland, Mr. W. Nunn, asked what steps were being taken for the safe removal of British residents from the disturbed areas in Fukien in view of the Chinese Government's recommendation for the withdrawal of all the foreigners in those areas.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, replied that he was unaware that the Chinese Government had recommended the withdrawal of foreigners. No such recommendations had been received by the British Government.

The Chinese Government had been warned of the British Government's apprehension that the lives and property of British subjects in Fukien might be endangered.

Satisfactory assurances had been received regarding the position and H.M.S. "Verity" had proceeded to Foochow for the purpose of affording the necessary protection for British interests, while other naval units would be available for dispatch if necessary.

The British authorities were closely watching the situation, Sir Simon concluded.—Reuter.

B.W.S. VERSION OF STATEMENT.

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, on the situation in Fukien, Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, said that the Chinese Government had been warned of the British Government's apprehensions lest British lives and property should be endangered in the event of an armed conflict developing, and satisfactory assurances had been received.

The British warship H.M.S. Verity is at present at Foochow to afford all necessary protection to British interests, while other units of the China Squadron will be available for dispatch to Amoy should conditions there show signs of deteriorating.

The British Consular Officers at both ports are closely following the situation.—British Wireless Service.

Foreign Warships At Foochow.

JAPANESE CRUISER DEPARTS.

The Japanese Cruiser Kuma left Pagoda Anchorage, Foochow, on Sunday for Formosa, while the U.S. Gunboat Ashville left the anchorage yesterday for Shanghai.

The latter vessel was relieved by the U.S. Gunboat Fulton from Manila.

U.S. MINISTER SEES WANG CHING-WEL

Protecting American Interests in Fukien.

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Nelson Johnson, American Minister to China, called on Mr. Wang Ching-wel at the latter's official residence yesterday afternoon.

His visit is reported to have connection with the problem of securing protection of American lives and interests in Fukien.—Central News Agency.

NANKING INCREASES TAXATION

Duty On Foreign Rice And Wheat.

\$1,000,000 REVENUE A MONTH EXPECTED

Shanghai, To-day.

It is disclosed that as a result of discussions held here on Sunday between Mr. Wang Ching-wel, President of the Executive Yuan, and Dr. H. H. Kung Finance Minister, definite measures have been worked out for the opening up of new sources of revenue to meet the current deficits of the Central Government finances.

While a decision has been taken on a slight increase in the consolidated taxes on cement, watches and rolled tobacco, the customs rates on certain imported articles will be increased in addition to the institution of a special tax on foreign rice and wheat.

It is estimated that by these new sources of national revenue, the Central Government coffers will be benefited by an additional income of something over \$1,000,000 a month.

What kinds of foreign articles will be affected by the increased customs rates has not been disclosed by the authorities.—Central News Agency.

NANKING PEACE DELEGATION.

Canton Delegates Come To Hong Kong.

DISCUSSIONS TO-DAY.

Canton, To-day.

With the arrival of the Nanking delegation in Hong Kong, important discussions on the political situation in China are in progress there.

The Canton delegation who proceeded to Hong Kong yesterday in time to meet the Nanking delegation are strengthened by the addition of Mr. Liu Chi-wen, Mayor of Canton and Mr. Lin Yeh-chung, Commissioner of the Civil Department of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. They left Canton for Hong Kong last night.—Central News Agency.

KING AND QUEEN OF DENMARK.

Lunch At Buckingham Palace.

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen entertained to luncheon at Buckingham Palace, yesterday, Their Majesties the King and Queen of Denmark, who are paying a short unofficial visit to England.

Their Majesties afterwards attended the Command performance of the Green Room plays given at Drury Lane Theatre on behalf of King George's Pension Fund for Actors and Actresses.—British Wireless Service.

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon, before the Registrar of the Supreme Court, of Moritz Charles Dearnier Cunha, Engineer, of the Peninsula Hotel, to Eileen Lysaught, formerly of 16, Somerset Road, Kowloon.

ABDUCTION OF A MINOR

Dentist's Daughter Taken To Shanghai.

PROMINENT CHINESE NOW INVOLVED IN CHARGE

Mr. Ho Kwong, of 7, Macdonnell Road, and his son Ernest Ho, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning on summonses charging them with being concerned with Thomas Lee of 6, Fung Fai Terrace, Happy Valley, in the abduction of Alma To, a girl under the age of 21.

Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted and Mr. W. C. Hung was counsel for the first defendant while Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the other two defendants.

Mr. Lo said that he would like to clear up a point in the proceedings. The local Ordinance was said to be declaratory of common law, but it was the possible idea of the prosecution to charge his clients with aiding and abetting.

In a charge of that form the acts of aiding and abetting were the principal offences and he would like to be clear on the point, as it would enable him to take instructions for his defence. He also asked for particulars of the acts which constituted aiding and abetting. He did not like facing a charge he did not know, he added.

Mr. Lo said that his clients could not be charged with actual taking and it seemed that the present charge was a round-about way of getting at his clients by alleging aiding and abetting. He would like to know if they were charged with the essence of the aiding and abetting or with the principal offence of taking the girl out of the possession of her father.

Mr. Wadson said that it was alleged that they conspired and all took part in the actual taking of the girl.

Mr. Lo said that he gathered that he was not only called upon to defend the essence of aiding and abetting but to defend all three charged jointly with-taking.

Mr. Wadson said that it made no difference.

Mr. Hamilton said that it was perfectly obvious that Mr. Lo was entitled to particulars. Mr. Wadson replied that he had no objection to giving them.

The hearing was then adjourned until next Monday, December 18, at 2.30 p.m.

It was intimated that Mr. Hung would instruct counsel to take the case of the first defendant.

FAILURE OF ROOSEVELT GOLD PLAN

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ROOSEVELT WANTS FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE.

Chicago, To-day.

States farmers must co-operate to the fullest for the agricultural programme to succeed, stated President Roosevelt in a message to the Annual Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, yesterday. The maladjustment between supply and demand, which had been years in the making could not be cured over-night.

"The money is getting into the hands of those needing it, but we are not yet out of the wood," he said.—Reuter.

To-day's Short Story.

THE DIPTYCH

By A. J. Alan.

I WAS once invited to be the guest of a literary society at their annual dinner. You can laugh if you like, but it's perfectly true. I wrote back to the secretary and complained. I said, "What do you mean by asking me to this dinner? How dare you," and all that, and he said he was very sorry, but they always did have a guest each year, and it was my turn — so there was no way out of it, and I went.

What's more — which is more, I made a speech. At least, when I say I made a speech — I told three stories which my grandfather told me, and they passed as new; so it was all very satisfactory and cheerful, and it went on, I suppose, to about half-past ten.

As I came out of the room where we'd dined into the corridor a man came up to me and said, "It is Mr. Alan, isn't it?" and I said it was. Then he said: "I'm afraid you don't remember me. My name's Bacci. We once met at the B.B.C."

I didn't remember him, as a matter of fact. But really one meets such a lot of people at the B.B.C. in one way and another that there was nothing in that. Not that I forget people as a rule.

Anyway, I said, "Of course, yes" — as one does — and then he insisted on standing me a drink. I didn't want it in the least, but it would have looked a little unfriendly to refuse, on the top of having clean forgotten him.

So we went down to a little lounge there is on the ground floor and had the drink.

This man Bacci was an Italian, of course. He'd travelled a good deal, and was quite interesting to listen to, but I wanted to get home. I suggested the other half of the whisky and soda, but he wouldn't.

REPRIEVE FOR MRS. HADLEY

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course of a quarrel when both had been drinking heavily.

Her appeal being dismissed, a petition for reprieve, largely signed by residents of Shanghai, was presented on Saturday to Sir Miles Lampson, the retiring British Minister to China, as the last hope of saving her life.

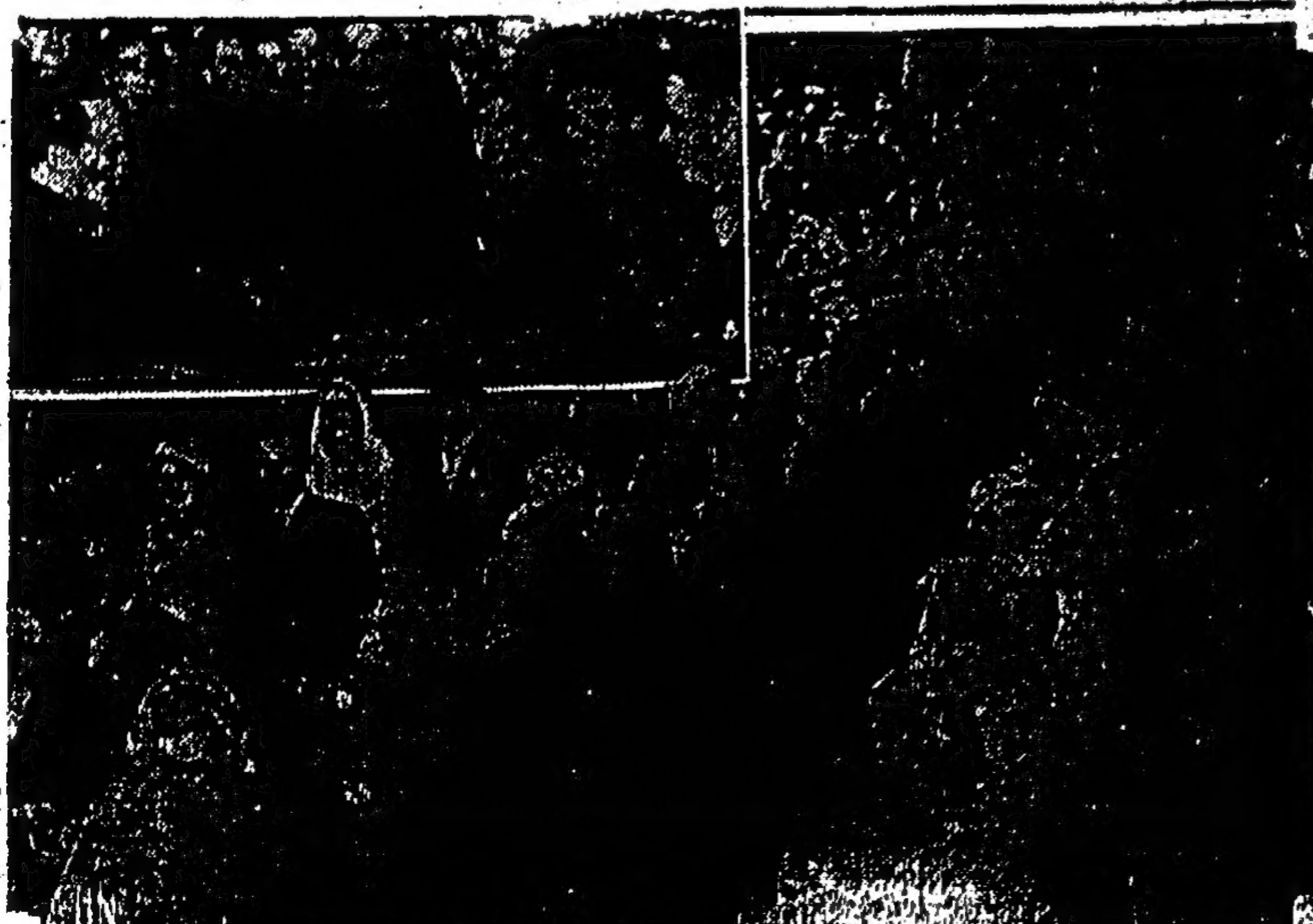
Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood Returning.

The Acting Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood, and Mrs. Wood are due back in the Colony from Shanghai by the P. and O. s.s. Rancho, on Friday morning. Mr. Justice Wood sat on the Court of Appeal which dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Hadley, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Young.

CONTE ROSSO DELAYED FOR MARCONI

To enable the Marchese and the Marchesa Marconi to attend a luncheon given by the Italian community in Shanghai, the sailing of the liner, s.s. Conte Rosso, for Hong Kong, was delayed until 8 p.m. to-day.

Roman Wedding Day to Please Il Duce



A scene in the Church at St. Mary of All Angels in Rome, in 1900, when the bride, Mrs. Marconi, was married to the groom, Il Duce. The man in the center is the groom, and the woman next to him is the bride. They are surrounded by guests and clergy members. The image is a historical photograph showing the wedding of Benito Mussolini and Clara Masetti.

He'd got his car outside, and he offered me a lift—which way was I going? I told him where I lived, and he said his place was in Campden Hill; so it fitted in quite well, and we started off.

On the way he asked me if I was at all interested in antiques. I told him that I like old oak, but didn't know much about anything else. (I don't really know much about old oak.)

He said: "Well, I've just got hold of an old snuff-box I'd rather like you to see. Could you spare a minute to come and look at it?"

I naturally couldn't say "No," so we called in at his place. It was a small house in one of those steep turnings on the left, as you go down Holland Park-avenue. We went in, and he took me upstairs into the drawing-room. There he introduced me to a perfectly good wife, and we talked for two or three minutes.

While we talked, I looked round the room, and noticed that it was somewhat expensively furnished in Empire style. The pieces were well matched and the general effect was good, but Empire stuff doesn't happen to appeal to me.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Island," by Karel and Josef Capek.

Then Bacci said: "This what I wanted to show you," and he went across to a little specimen table in the corner—you know, one of those glass-topped things on legs, that people keep medals in.

There were several snuff-boxes in it, and he lifted the glass lid and took one out. It certainly was extremely handsome, and he said he'd been given to understand that it was worth a lot of money. What did I think about it?

I told him I thought it was very fine, and so on, but that really I hadn't the vaguest idea what it might be worth.

He was a bit disappointed about that—did I know anyone who was a judge of such things? And for the moment I couldn't think of anyone. You never can. I said: "Why, do you want to sell it?" and he said: "Well, as it happens, I do," and he explained why.

At that time the big Wall Street slump was just beginning, and a lot of their money was in American stocks. They were having to cable out fresh cover every day, and it was the very devil. (He spoke perfect English.) I felt rather sorry for him, being in a hole like that, and I finally managed to remember that I did know an art dealer. Two, in fact, father and son. They'd got a place in a back street, near Pall Mall. The kind of place with one dirty old vase in the window and a turn-over of about a million a year. I shan't tell you who they are, but the son's Christian name is Isidore—at least, his first name is Isidore. His friends call him Iszy.

At all events, I offered to give Bacci an introduction to Iszy if that was any use. He said: "Thank you very much, but why not bring him along to dinner? We shall be delighted, and you can fix any day you like next week."

It's not too easy to parry a general invitation like that, so I said I'd see what could be done, and let him know, and soon after that he ran me home.

Well, next morning I what they call "approached" Iszy on the telephone, and asked him what he thought. He said at once that they didn't do much in the snuff-box line; pictures were more their strong suit, but he'd certainly come and give an opinion on this one, if I liked.

By the way, I was quite definite on the subject of Bacci. I said: "I don't know anything about the feller, he seems a decent old all the rest of it," but that was all I could say.

I purposely didn't mention Wall Street, because it would have been hardly fair.

Anyway, it was arranged that he and I should dine with the Baccis on the following Monday, at a quarter to eight, which we did.

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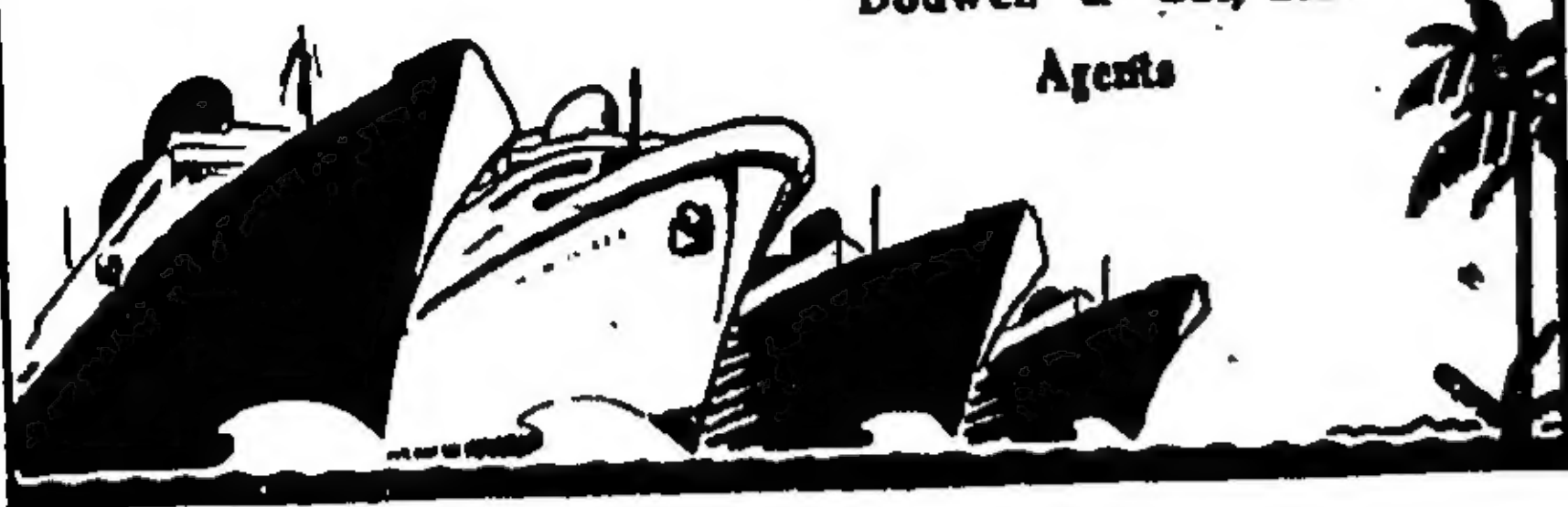
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The Diptych

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It so happened that we both arrived on the doorstep at the same instant, and the parlour-maid gave us an apologetic message to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Bacci had only just come in and weren't down yet, and would we excuse dinner being a few minutes late? We said we would, and she showed us up to the drawing-room. There were cocktails and things about.

While we were waiting we had a look at the snuff-box. Izzy didn't think an awful lot of it. He said it was quite good of its kind, but it was only Napoleon and not worth more than fifty or sixty pounds, and we put it back in its place.

Just as we were carefully shutting down the lid of the glass table Izzy started to say something and then stopped in the middle. I looked up to see what was the matter and found him staring at a pair of pictures hanging on the wall straight in front of us. He didn't make any remark, but merely wandered off round the room.

The pictures certainly were ram looking—quite enough to make anyone stare. They were about eight inches square and apparently painted on wood. The left-hand one was so dark and worm-eaten that I couldn't make it out at all, but the right-hand one wasn't so bad.

It was evidently meant to portray the incident of Jacob's Dream. There was Jacob, in the foreground, fast asleep, and further back there was a ladder leaning up against a cloud with lots of angels going up and down it.

The angels weren't like any I've ever seen and neither was the Jacob's ladder. I was just going to ask Izzy about it, but the Baccis came in. They were frightfully sorry to be late, but they'd somehow made a mistake in the time.

I don't think anything of interest happened during dinner, except that Izzy went out of his way to be particularly civil.

Afterwards the snuff-box was trotted out again, and Izzy told Bacci exactly what he'd told me—namely, that it wasn't worth more than sixty pounds at the outside.

Then they both happened to look at the two dirty old pictures, and Bacci said what a pity it was they weren't genuine. He told us how he'd picked them up in an old shop in Milan for a hundred lira. A hundred lira is roughly twenty-two bob. I wouldn't have given tuppence for them, but Izzy seemed to think they were rather quaint.

Then we started talking about something else—theatres, I think—yes, it was theatres. Izzy said his father had the stage box for "Going Up" for the next evening but one—that is, Wednesday. Would we all like to dine with them somewhere and go? The others were all for it, but I rather hung back. You know how sometimes people have to ask you because you are there and they can't leave you out. Anyway, I gave him the chance, but he went on being pressing, so I said I would.

Mind you, I shouldn't have gone even then, only I was beginning to get curious. I mean, it was all so utterly unlike Izzy. It even crossed my mind that he might have conceived a sudden passion for Madame—not to say Signora—Bacci, but I looked at her again and decided "No," he must have just turned generous.

He was being princely, and no mistake. He wouldn't hear of us meeting at the restaurant. Rather not. I was to be at the Baccis' at seven-fifteen and he and his father, whose names was Ikey, would call for us in their car—and that was how it was fixed up.

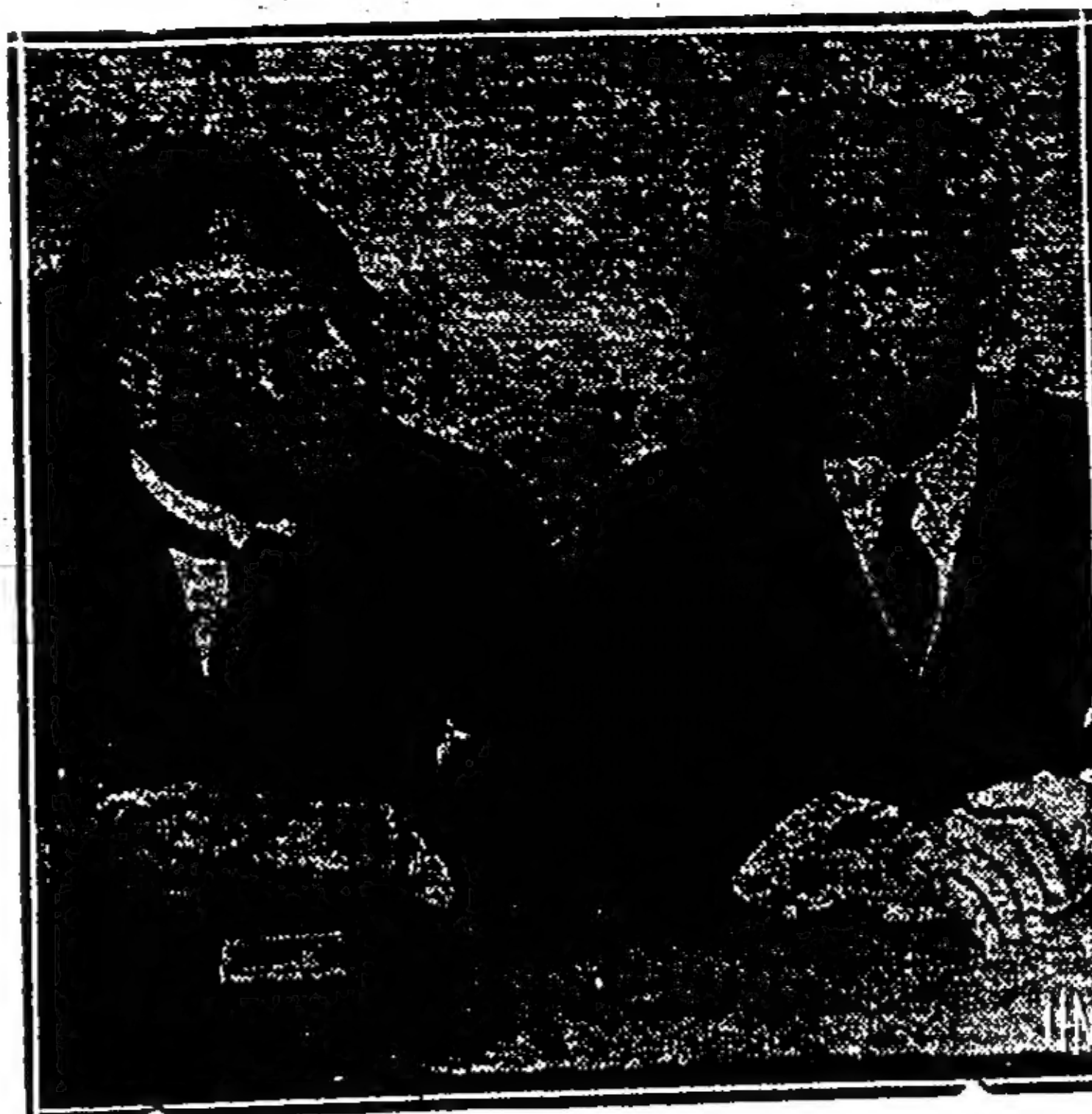
Very well, then. On the Wednesday evening I again scaled the heights of Campden Hill and presented myself at the proper time—in other words, a quarter past seven. There was a car about as big as a charabanc outside, blocking up the road, so Ikey and Izzy had already arrived.

I rang the bell and the parlour-maid took me upstairs, and on the way she apologetically for the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Bacci would be a few minutes late. Then she opened the drawing-room door and I went in.

Izzy and his "pa" were standing over by the snuff-box table, but when they saw me they sort of edged away. They needn't have done—the lid was shut—but it drew my attention to them, and I noticed that Izzy was just finishing a cigarette.

Now it isn't usual to walk into other people's houses smoking, so I looked as though they'd been there some little time, and I said: "I hope I'm not late, but Ikey said Oh no, it was his fault—he'd

Litvinoff And Hull Confer.



M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs (left), photographed in the State Department with Mr. William Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, during the recent negotiations which led to President Roosevelt granting American recognition to the Soviet.

thought Izzy had said seven instead of a quarter past, so they'd been looking at all the pretty things."

We waited a few minutes more and then the Baccis blew in. They thought the time had been fixed for half-past seven instead of a quarter past. I remember thinking: "This is a funny house. No one ever turns up at the proper time except me."

Anyway, we finally did get off, and we spent a very pleasant and costly evening.

After the theatre the Baccis suggested our going back to their place for a few minutes, which we did—and when drinks had been handed round the subject of Wall Street somehow managed to crop up. The slump was at its very worst by this time, and Bacci said it was affecting him pretty badly. He talked quite freely about his affairs.

He told us that for a year or two they'd been spending part of their time in Italy and part in England. They'd originally taken this house furnished, with the idea of replacing the furniture by degrees with really good things. They hadn't hurried, and this room was the only one they'd actually—well, which had nothing but their own stuff in it. But affairs had got so perfectly—er—foul owing to this Wall Street business that they'd decided to sell the room as it stood—as it were—and go back to Italy. Did Ikey know anyone who'd like to buy it?

Well, Ikey looked at Izzy, and Izzy looked at Ikey, and they thought they might perhaps be able to find a purchaser, provided the price was moderate. What sort of a figure did Mr. Bacci put on it? And what do you think he said? Six thousand pounds!

I naturally thought he was joking. If he'd said six hundred I should have thought it a bit stiff, but six thousand was too utterly wild for anything.

I expected howls of derision from the art dealers, but there weren't any. They just sat perfectly still like a couple of overfed gargoyles, and finally Ikey murmured something about two thousand pounds being rather nearer the value.

Well, that settled it. Either they were all mad or else there was something wrong with the whisky, although it tasted all right.

Before you could say "knife" they'd started a proper hargling match, and it went on and on. For all it meant to me, it might have been a piano concerto by Bartok. No, it wasn't as bad as that, but it wasn't comfortable. I simply hate having my chair sold from under me, and that's what is amounted to.

The only thing that was quite clear was that Ikey and Izzy wanted this precious furniture for themselves. You'd have thought they'd have wiped the floor with Bacci when it came to bargaining, and so they would if he'd pretended to know anything about antiques. But he didn't. He merely kept on saying how much he'd paid for everything, and he wouldn't come down anything to speak of.

However, at the end of half an hour he suddenly gave way. He said: "Look here, gentlemen, what about splitting the difference? For an immediate cash sale I will take four thousand pounds."

Ikey said: "Right, you can have a cheque to-morrow if you like." But Bacci didn't want that at all—at least, he didn't want a cheque. It wasn't

that he didn't trust them, but there was some slight trouble with his bank. He was a bit chary of paying anything in, in case he couldn't get it out again. Also he was leaving for Italy fairly soon. Would they mind letting him have the money in cash?

Well, I'm not more suspicious than most people, but you must admit that this made things look somewhat fishy. One would have thought that a couple of art dealers would have taken fright at once. But they didn't in the least. They agreed to hand over this four thousand pounds at their office the next day but one—in other words, Friday.

The only glimmering of caution they showed was to ask if one of their clerks could come along next day and make a list of the stuff. Bacci said: "Certainly," and that was that. The party broke up and I was left wondering precisely what form the swindle was going to take.

It was my turn to do some entertaining, so I asked them all to lunch at my club after the deal was through, and they said they would. But it was all most disappointing. The paying-over ceremony passed off without a hitch. No one was fetched out to the telephone and the notes didn't vanish, except into Bacci's pocket.

Lunch was quite jolly. It was also rather embarrassing, because Bacci would thank me for my share in the business—introducing him to Izzy and so on, and then he suggested my having some little thing as a souvenir. Did Ikey mind my choosing one of the snuff-boxes? I said I didn't take snuff, but they all seemed to wish it, so I could only accept gracefully and thank them very much.

Now let's see—what happened next? Oh, yes. After lunch the Baccis said they were going to a matinee, so they rather hurried off. And when they'd gone Izzy said he and Pa were thinking of running up to Campden Hill. What about me coming too, and choosing my snuff-box? So we all went.

The door was opened by the inventory clerk. He said: "I suppose you know they've cleared out?"

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RAWALPINDI *SOUDAN	17,000 6,000	24th Feb. 3rd Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
COMORIN CHITRAL *BURDWAN	15,000 15,000 6,000	10th Mar. 24th Mar. 31st Mar.	Marseilles & London. Marseilles & London. Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RANCHI CARTHAGE *SOMALI NALDERA CORFU	17,000 15,000 15,000 16,000 15,000	7th Apr. 15th Apr. 28th Apr. 6th May 19th May	Marseilles & London. Marseilles & London. Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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NALDERA	16,000	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	8,000	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BHUTAN	6,000	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	29th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	29th Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
1934			
NELLORE	7,000	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BEHAR	6,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	17,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*BURDWAN	6,000	22nd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	17,000	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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The Diptych

(Continued from Page 10.)

Ikey said:
"Cleared out? Nonsense, we've
only just had lunch with them."
So the man said:
"Well, they have gone, and taken
all their luggage. The servants
have gone, too."

This rather shook Messrs. Ikey
and Company. They both asked:
"Is the stuff all right?" But ap-
parently it was. The man had just
checked it over with his list.

All the same, they charged up-
stairs into the drawing-room as fast
as they could. So did I. They
never even looked at the furniture.
They simply tore across the room
to those mouldy old pictures. You
know, Jacob's Ladder and the other
one. They yanked 'em off the wall
and took 'em to the light—and then
the balloon went up! There was a
yell. "These are copies!"

I said: "Of course they are
copies. I heard Bacci say so."
Then Ikey literally shouted: "But
they weren't copies, I tell you.
They were genuine. A real genuine
diptych." I said: "Oh, and what's
a diptych, anyway?" Then they
both explained together.

Not very easy to understand, be-
cause they were fairly spluttering
with rage, but I gathered that a
diptych consists of two wooden
panels hinged together with paint-
ings on them. The subjects are
nearly always Biblical. The panels
are often taken apart and framed
separately, as these were. Another
point, not without interest, is that
a genuine diptych by a good four-
teenth-century artist is worth any-
thing up to five thousand pounds.
However, that's rather by the way.
I was still not quite clear what had
happened. So I asked them.

I said: "Are you absolutely cer-
tain that they aren't the same ones
you saw the other night?" They
said: "Of course we are certain.
Do you think we are such some-
thing, something fools as to give
four thousand pounds for a whole
lot of imitation Empire junk in or-
der to get hold of a forged diptych?"
I told 'em I shouldn't have thought
it unless I'd actually seen 'em do
it.

That didn't help matters at all.
They stamped up and down the
room fuming, and I got quite wor-
ried about the old man. He'd one
of those short, thick necks, and he
went rather a funny colour, but he
cooled down after a bit, and then
Ikey remarked, in a thoughtful kind
of way: "All the same, I think
these ought to be good enough for
Milligan. Especially if we show
him the analyst's report."

Oh, yes, I ought to tell you. The
evening they'd turned up early to
get a private view of the pictures
they'd evidently gone and scraped
off a bit of paint. They'd had this
chemically examined to make quite
sure. Personally, I thought that
real experts scorned such artificial
aids, but perhaps it's different when
they are buying on their own ac-
count.

I asked who this man Milligan
was, and they told me he was an
American collector who went in
solely for fourteenth-century Italian
work. He was over in England for
a holiday, and he'd called at their
place a week or so before. Among
other things, he'd said that he was
ready to buy any genuine diptych
they might know of, provided it had
a decent pedigree, but he preferred
one which hadn't been hawked about
a lot. He was prepared to pay, and
this was rather important, twenty
thousand pounds—I will repeat that—
twenty thousand pounds, if he
came across what he wanted.

Mind you, it seems almost in-
credibly vulgar that anyone should
offer a fancy price like that, but it
quite often happens. Why I, even
I, was once offered ten thousand
dollars (however much that may be)
merely to go over to New York and
deliver two lectures. I didn't go,
but it does show the sort of thing
they'll do, and I'm not an oil paint-
ing.

At any rate, as you can quite see,
this entirely genuine diptych of
Bacci's completely filled the bill, and
they'd gone all out to get it, and
now that they'd been tricked into
buying an excellent but quite worth-
less copy of it, they were calmly
proposing to pass it on to the
wretched Milligan as genuine.

I said to Ikey: "You can't do
that, it wouldn't be honest," and he
said: "Yet you mean—honest!"
and ain't it just what he asked us to
do?"

Then I saw daylight. I said:
"Where's Milligan staying?" and
they told me, some hotel. So I said:
"You just ring up and see if he's
there."

And they did, but he wasn't.
He'd gone abroad, presumably with
Bacci.

New U. S. Nazi Chief



George Schmitt, new organizer of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmets, German ex-soldiers' organization) in the United States, pictured at his New York office soon after his arrival from Germany. He came with credentials from Nazi government to show his "Germanness," or plenary authority.

CAN FRANCE PROTECT HER GOLD HOARD?

(Continued from Page 8.)

Treasury borrowing threatens to
become steadily dearer and more
difficult. Such a situation might
arise before very long.

Many patriotic French lenders
would welcome it, for, in their
view, it is better that the difficul-
ties of the financial situation
should be recognised early rather
than late.

Danger To The Franc

This leads us to another crucial
point in the French financial prob-
lem. The French Treasury is
bearing a load in the shape of the
service of the public debt, which
cannot be borne indefinitely. More-
over, it has to provide next spring
for the repayment of a large volume
of National Defence Bonds.

In the view of French financiers,
it is essential that French credit
should be rehabilitated quickly.
This is because it would enable the
refinancing of these maturing bonds
to be carried out at a low interest
rate, and would ensure the conver-
sion of other Government securities.

But such conversions and re-
financing on a satisfactory basis
will only be possible if the Budget
problem is sternly and drastically
tackled. That it will be tackled
can hardly be doubted.

Once the French people become
firmly convinced that the franc is
in danger, they will submit to the
necessary measures. France is still
well supplied with untaxed re-
sources. Throughout the whole
economic life of France, except in
Government services, salaries and
wages have been readjusted to pre-
sent necessities.

M. Daladier fell because he tried
to extend the readjustment to Gov-
ernment employees. M. Sarraut may
fall in a similar attempt—and even
another Premier after him. Even-
tually a strong French Cabinet will
enforce the programme.

Staving Off Inflation

No one can say whether or not
the force of circumstances will com-
pel France to take special measures
to protect her gold stocks. Nor is
it possible to prophesy what course
events might follow should general
rehabilitation of international cur-
rencies be indefinitely delayed.

But one thing is certain, and that
is that the French people, when
convinced that an emergency exists,
will fight almost unanimously to
the last ditch to stave off inflation and
to save the franc from substantial
depreciation.

The essence of the problem of the
franc is, therefore, political rather
than financial. And for their polit-
ical crisis the French people have
the habit of finding an elevénth
hour solution.

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about 10 a.m.

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via ports) on the 30th inst.

RUGBY

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Five other Old Blues are available—
H. G. Owen-Smith (full-back), S. L.
Wardle and H. D. B. Lorraine (three-
quarters), and M. F. Peacock and E. S.
Nicholson (forwards). There is, how-
ever, some doubt about Owen-Smith.
In his absence the positions to be filled
are full-back, two three-quarters,
scrum-half, and five forwards. P. C.
Minnis, V. G. J. Jenkins and K. N.
Lampert have gone down.

Both D. T. P. Lewis and J. D. Ronald
are available for full-back. Lewis
comes from Llandoverly, and for a
time last season challenged Owen-
Smith for the position. While neither
as versatile nor as fast as the Blue, he
is a sound player, who kicks well with
both feet and tackles surely.

Ronald seemed to lose some of his
form last season, but two years ago he
won his Harlequin colours, and a re-
turn to that form would put him in
the running. At three-quarter A. L.
Warr, of Bromsgrove, should prove a
worthy successor to P. C. Minnis. He
is a very determined runner.

Promising Centres
Centres who caught the eye last
season were C. B. Dix (Wellington)
and J. R. Park (Harrogate), while E.
L. Phelps (Eltham) and T. S. Roberts
(Cardiff) should also be in the
running. Dix reminds one very
much of T. M. Hart, and with his
straight running he might make Lor-
raine an ideal partner.

For Lampert's position at scrum-
half there are two candidates in L. B.
Bok (Cape Town University) and D. G.
King (Ippingtonham). Both have played
in the fifteen and King has had
considerable experience with Rich-
mond.

It may be thought advisable to move
Jackson to the three-quarter line, in
which case there are three players
with claims for his place—T. M. Wat-
son (Monkton Combe), A. Bush
(Haverham), and K. J. Velich (St.
Edward's School, Oxford). It is
then possible to duplicate all the back
positions, and so the potential
strength of Oxford's attack is con-
siderable.

Of the three Old Blue forwards,
Nicholson is the hooker, Peacock is
also in the front row, and the captain
is in the middle of the back row. Two
heavy-weights for the second row will
be required. Here, again, Bowers
should have little difficulty.

New Forwards Available

For the back row both R. C. S. Low
and R. J. Northcote-Gunn should
make ideal wingers, particularly if
the last-named has filled out a bit.
For the second row there are P.
Gannon, J. M. C. Almond, J. S. Owen,
A. H. Mahler, and J. H. Pinner; and
for the front row J. B. Knaggs, K. C.
Burrow, P. R. Heath, a very useful
"hooker," and P. J. Morice.

On the whole it may be antici-
pated that Oxford Rugby this season
will maintain that cycle of Twicken-
ham wins which William Roberts
prophesied two seasons ago.

Wooler A Certainty

The number of promising Welshmen
in at Cambridge are probably less
than at Oxford, but the players them-
selves, if anything, have their reputa-
tions more strongly established. J. E.
Boswell, after three years of patient
understanding, appears at last to have
a clear stage for himself. A strong
element of intelligent University
opinion has been in his favour, even
for the last three crowded years; but
with Pope and Simpson both out of the
lists I can see no possible danger of
the Cardiff man being challenged.

Among the Freshmen there are two
particularly able players. W. Wooler,
of course, was the sensation of last
year's international tournament, and
it is fairly safe to predict that he will
find his way to Twickenham for to-
day's game. In addition, the experi-
ence he has gained at Cambridge,
where he has been permitted to play
in his rightful position of centre, has
proved invaluable to him.

There have been cases—an astonish-
ing number in recent years—of inter-
national players failing to obtain Blues; but
(Continued at foot of next column.)

Rugby Jottings.

DEVONPORT SERVICES have lost
a valuable player. In E. R. A.
Stammett, who has left for a commis-
sion in the Far East. For a long
time, he looked a certainty for his
Navy cap this year.

With the passing of G. P. S. Mac-
pherson there are now but two backs,
in H. R. Torrance and E. R. Tod, in the
Edinburgh Academical team who played
regularly in the championship side
of 1929-1930.

I am not suggesting that wing for-
wards stop to such tactics as delib-
erate obstruction or sticking out their
legs to that opponents will trip over
them. What I emphasise is that by
quick breaking, wing forwards can,
and do, legitimately impede and dis-
rupt the attack of the opposing wing
forwards for that fraction of a second,
which makes to a scrum-half all the
difference between a good and an in-
ferior service. Gregory Wheeler.

The Welsh Rugby Union has declin-
ed to sanction arm-in-arm games, al-
though the request came from first-
class clubs. A petition is now being
prepared for presentation to the union,
pointing out that their attitude is ad-
versely affecting hospitals.

Jacob Thomas, the Llanelly forward,
appears to be a marked man for a Welsh
cap. He has been doing consistently
well throughout the season.

R. G. Gibson, who visited the Colony
with the Malaya Interport Cricket
team, in which he was the opening
batsman, is a back row forward in the
Penang Malaya Cwp fifteen.

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clubs, and has revealed, among rather
disturbing inconsistencies, a genuine
capacity for shocking the opposing de-
fence.

Week's Home Rugby

The following are the leading
Rugby Union games this week:

TO-DAY
Oxford v. Cambridge
(At Twickenham).
TO-MORROW
Hampshire v. Surrey
(At Southampton).
Sussex v. Kent
(At Worthing).
THURSDAY
Newport v. Cambridge University
SATURDAY
English Trial—Probables v. Possibles

(At Falmouth).
Birkenhead Park v. Liverpool
Blackheath v. Richmond
Devonport Services v. Bath
Gloucester v. Cheltenham
Harlequin v. Cardiff
Leicester v. Bristol
London Scottish v. Bedford
N.B. Parkin v. N.B. Parkin
Old Merchant Taylors.

Springbok for Guy's

A most interesting newcomer to
London club Rugby is announced this
week. J. Van R. Steyler, the South
African, captain of the Eastern Pro-
vince and a Springbok trial cap, is
joining Guy's Hospital, and will turn
out for them just as soon as he can
get in a little practice.
Steyler is really a centre three-
quarter, but plays an excellent game
at either stand-off or scrum-half. This
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Basle, To-day.

During the next six months Germany will be unable to make a 50 per cent. transfer as hitherto, and unless the world economic situation is completely changed Germany will never be able to meet her full obligations on her foreign loans, according to Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, addressing the German Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland.

The terrific burden of international debts, he said, threatened to destroy the world's economic system unless creditors and debtors joined hands and made a fresh start.—Reuter.

SOVIET INCREASES
WAGES.

Far East Workers
And Soldiers.

Moscow, To-day.

The 10 to 30 per cent. increase in wages decreed by the Soviet for workers and soldiers in Far Eastern regions is ascribed to the large influx of settlers.

Simultaneously farmers are exempted from the compulsory delivery of grain for periods of from five to ten years.—Reuter.

JACKIE BROWN BEATS FORAN

Points Decision At
Manchester.

—THREE TITLES INVOLVED?

London, To-day.

Jackie Brown, Manchester negro and world's flyweight boxing champion, outpointed Ginger Foran, the Liverpool fighter, over 15 rounds at Belle Vue, Manchester, last night.—Reuter.

Note by Ringalder.

Though Reuter do not state as much I believe Brown's three titles—World, European, and British—were at stake against the hard-bitten Foran. Articles were previously signed for a purse said to be worth £2,000.

Brown was outpointed by Midget Wolgast in a non-title fight at the Albert Hall less than a month ago and it is anticipated that the recognised American champion will be given an opportunity at the world title in the near future.

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MR. LANSBURY'S GOOD PROGRESS.

Labour Leader Sustains
Broken Thigh.

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon, expressed regret at the absence of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, adding on behalf of the members generally, "We all hope that he will speedily be restored to health."

Mr. Lansbury, who is 74, fell down some steps on Saturday and broke his thigh. He is making satisfactory progress.—British Wireless Service.

MINISTER DISMISSED
AT NANKING.

Mr. Fu Ju-lin Succeeds
Mr. Lo Kung-hua.

Nanking, To-day.

The Executive Yuan, meeting this morning, dismissed Mr. Lo Kung-hua, administrative Vice-Minister of the Interior, and appointed Mr. Fu Ju-lin instead.

The change, which has been predicted here for some time, was due to Mr. Lo's alleged relations with Chen Ming-shu.—Reuter.

Before the Pusan Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Supreme Court this morning, Maha Singh, plaintiff, claimed the sum of \$650 on two promissory notes made by Wali Mohammed, defendant.

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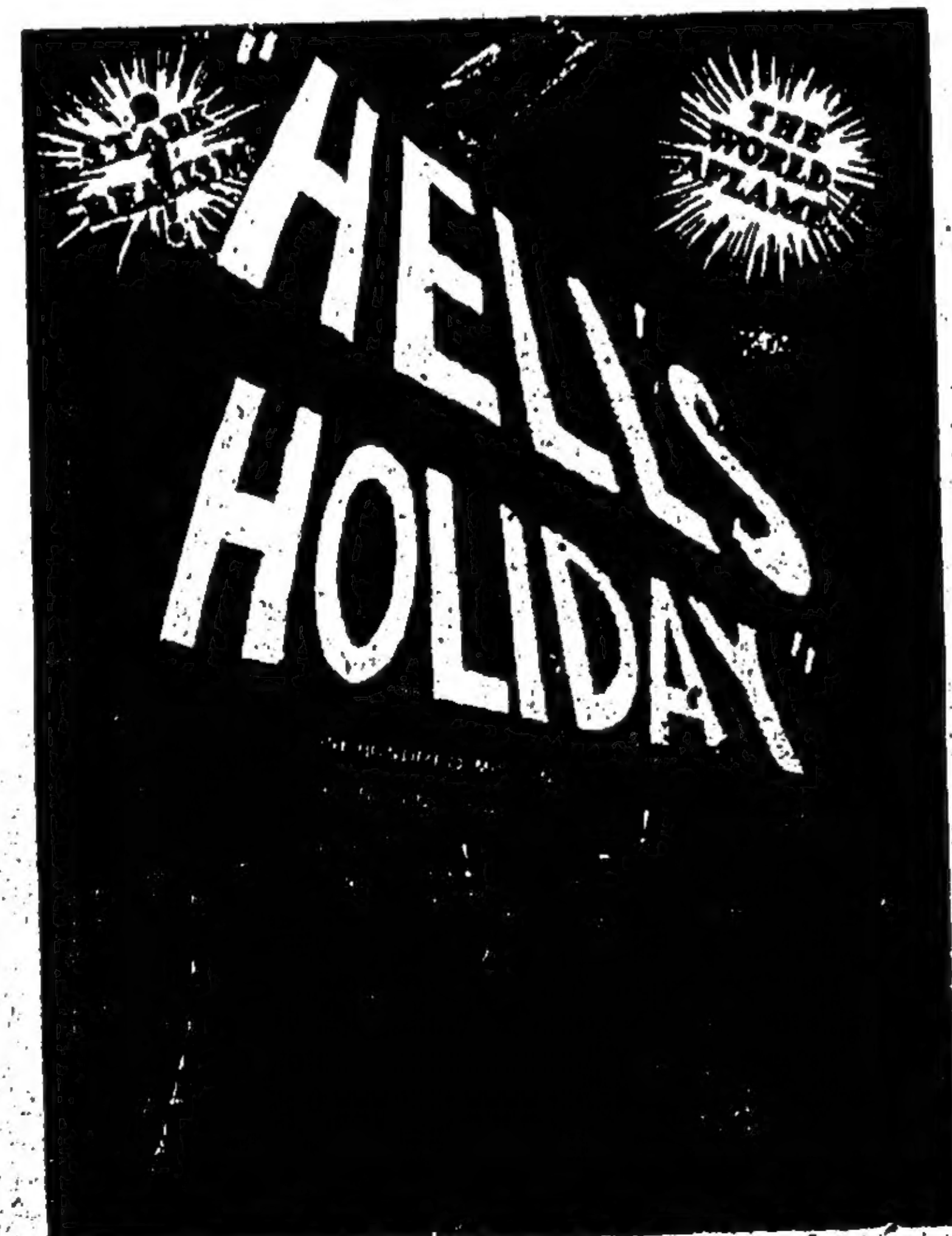
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